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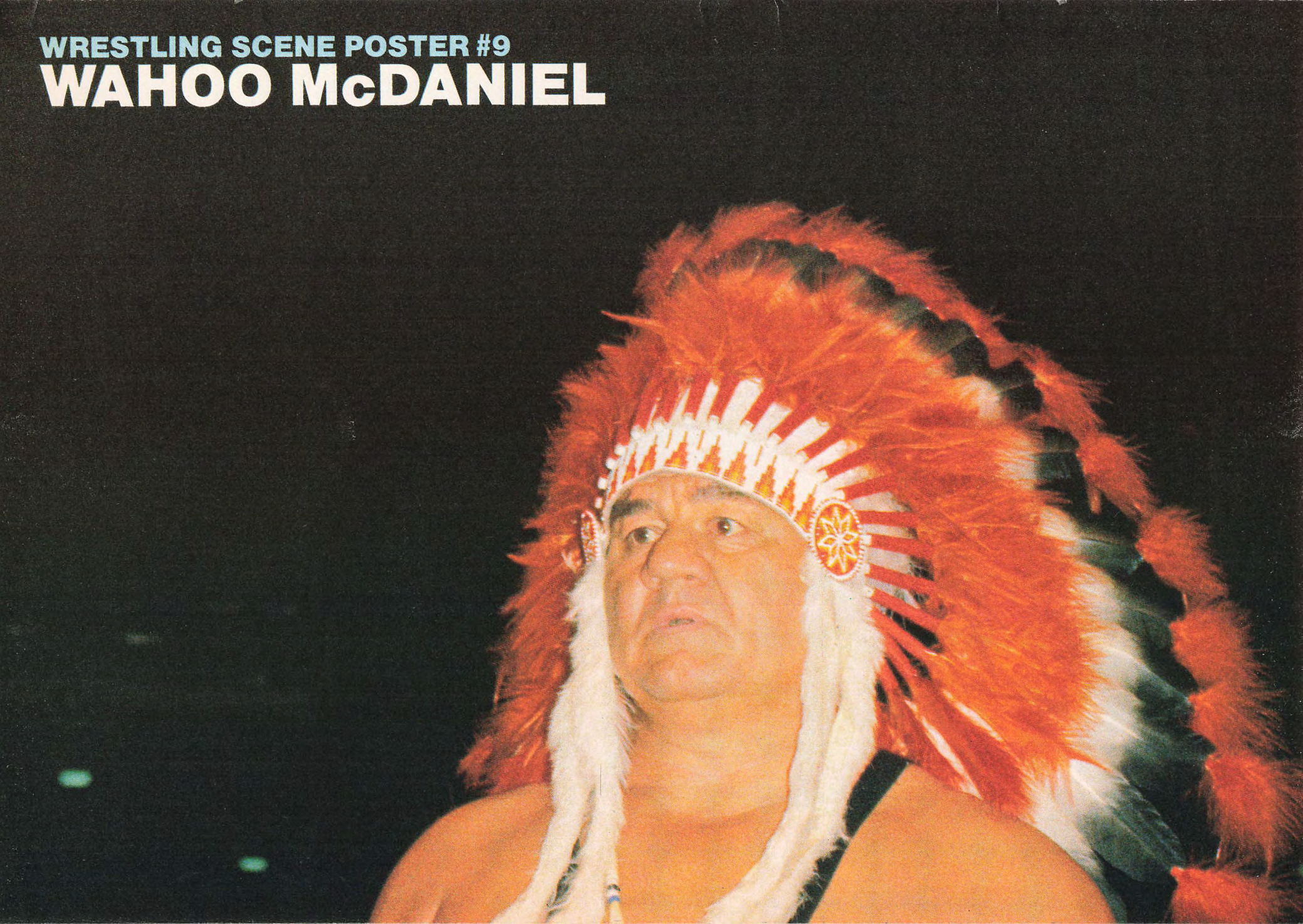

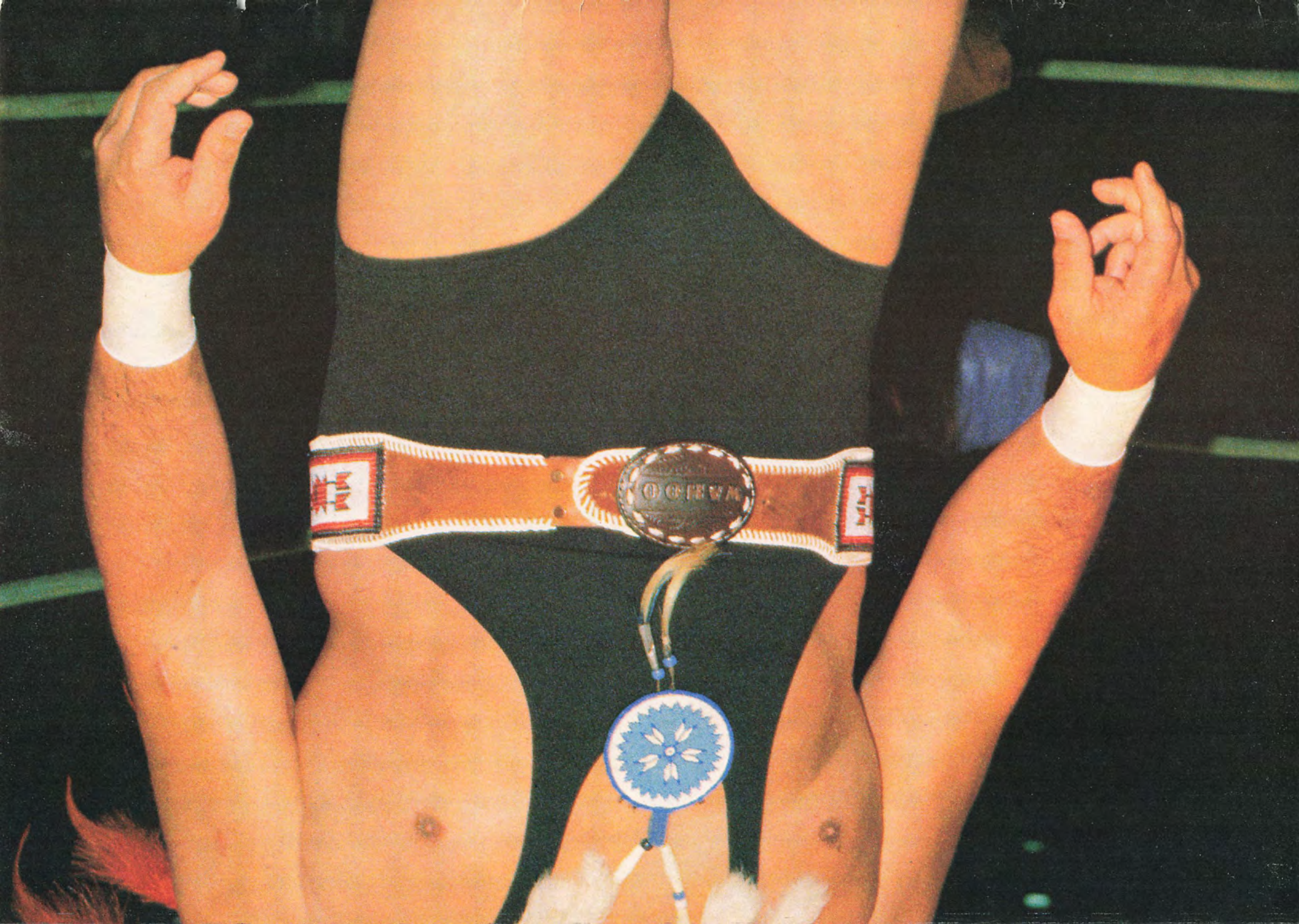
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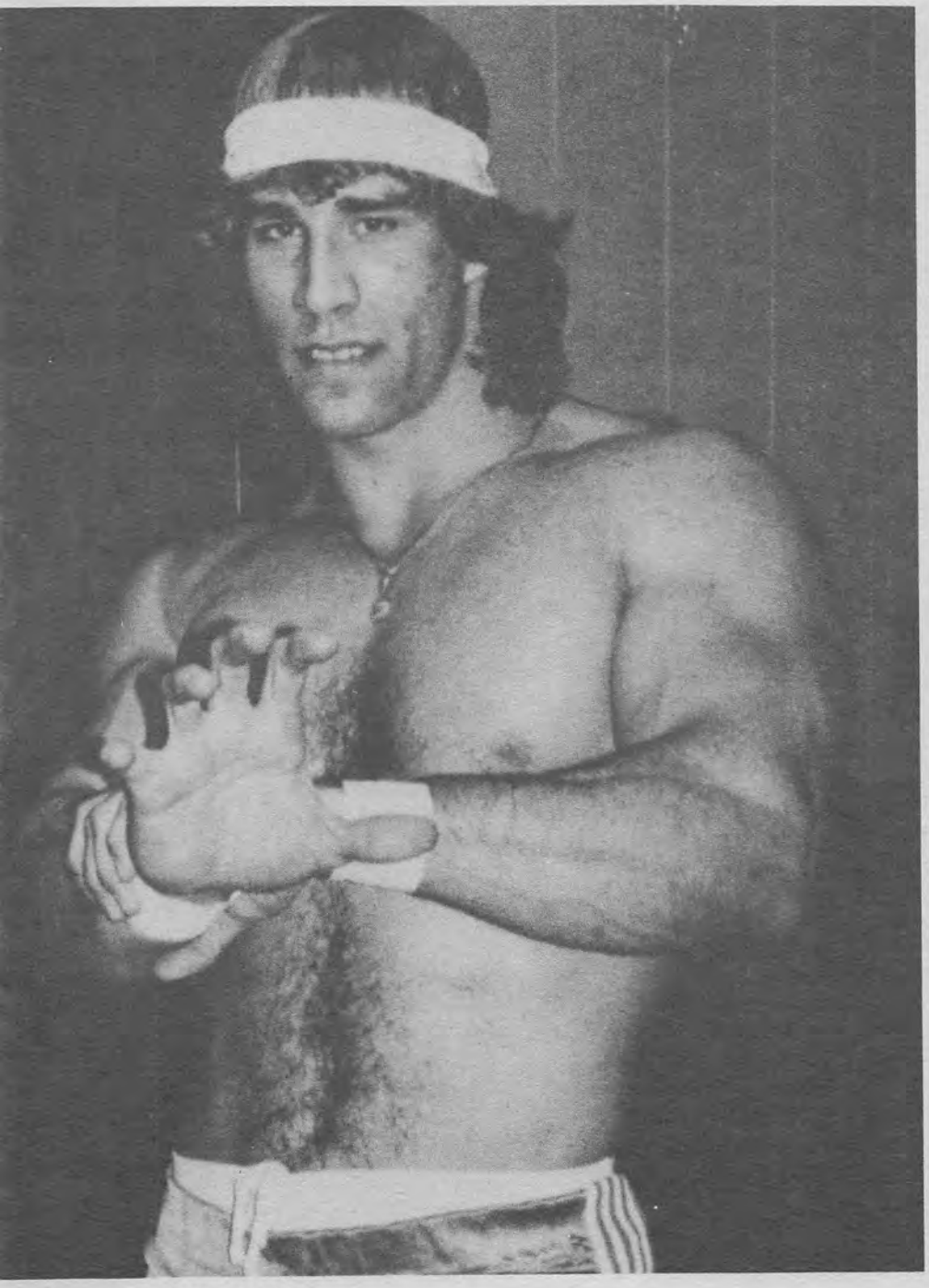

KERRY VON ERICH

Dear Sir:

Would you please do an article on the Von Erich-Freebird feud. Also a feature on the Kerry Von Erich-Ric Flair cage match. Please do something on the Ice Man vs. Buddy Roberts "loser loses his hair" match.

A new reader,
Bryan George
Dallas, Texas

Editor's note: We try to give as much coverage as possible to the Texas scene. We will be featuring each request in an upcoming issue of WRESTLING SCENE.

Dear Jacqueline,

Your magazines are fantastic. I really love to watch wrestling and your magazine gives me information that I don't get by watching T.V.

I also like Mid-South wrestling. I think that you should do articles on the Junkyard Dog, Kimala and Andre the Giant. I would also like to see pull out posters on them.

Brett Wodell
Camden, Arkansas

Editor's note: In our next issue there will be a feature on the Junkyard Dog. Watch out for it.

Dear Jacqueline:

I know you hear this many times but you make the best wrestling books that ever came out. You have great photos and interesting and exciting stories. I think you should do an article on (Gorgeous) Jimmy Garvin and Sunshine. I hope you will get some pin ups of Gorgeous Jimmy and his valet. I would like to see a feature on this great wrestler. He's the best I have ever seen. I think you should give him some attention and recognition. He's held many titles including the Texas Heavyweight title. I think he should be recognized. I hope you feel the same way I do.

Thank you,
Jimmy Barrett,
Muskogee, Oklahoma

Editor's note: We hope you read the feature on "Gorgeous" Jimmy in our August issue of RINGSIDE.

Ms. Quartarano:

WRESTLING SCENE is one terrific magazine, I eagerly look forward to each issue.

How about doing an article on Jim Garvin and his beautiful valet, Sunshine? Also a color pin up of them both would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to future issues and seeing an article and color pinup of Garvin and Sunshine.

Mark Kay
Salt Lake City, Utah

Editor's note: It seems that Jimmy has quite a few fans. We will feature him in an upcoming issue of WRESTLING SCENE.

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Raymond Cardona
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Editor's note: In every issue we try to give regional coverage to those areas that very little is known about. We hope you enjoy this month's coverage on the Pacific Northwest.

Dear Jacqueline:

I really enjoy reading about my Texas favorites. In every issue of WRESTLING SCENE I can count on at least one story being on the stars appearing here. As you know we have great action with the Von Erichs, the Freebirds, Jim Garvin, Tully Blanchard, Gino Hernandez and Scott Casey competing on a regular basis. Please continue to feature these outstanding stars.

Lisa Sanchez
San Antonio, Texas

Editor's note: If you enjoyed past issues we are sure you will enjoy this month's feature on Texas 'rassling!

Dear WRESTLING SCENE:

I am sick and tired of reading about Bob Backlund. He is a bore! Please devote more space to real stars like Ric Flair, Sgt. Slaughter, the Great Kabuki, Ole Anderson and Ricky Steamboat. They deserve it!

Adele Rule
Stony Point, Ga.

Editor's note:
Everyone is entitled to his own opinion. In WRESTLING SCENE we try to feature as many different stars as possible. We have featured all of the men that you have mentioned.

WRESTLING SCENE:

I just attended a match in Morristown, New Jersey promoted by the newly formed World Wrestling League. The action was great and the stars who appeared are really fantastic. Can you please give some information on this group?

John Bantos,
Morristown, N. J.

Editor's note:
The World Wrestling League is a newly formed organization and very little is known about them at this present time. They can be seen on the N. J. Cable Network every Saturday night at eleven o'clock. We will feature this group in our next issue of WRESTLING SCENE.

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JACK BRISCO
A Changed Man

Former NWA World's Heavyweight champion Jack Brisco is now competing with renewed vigor and vitality. Will he be able to regain the World's title?

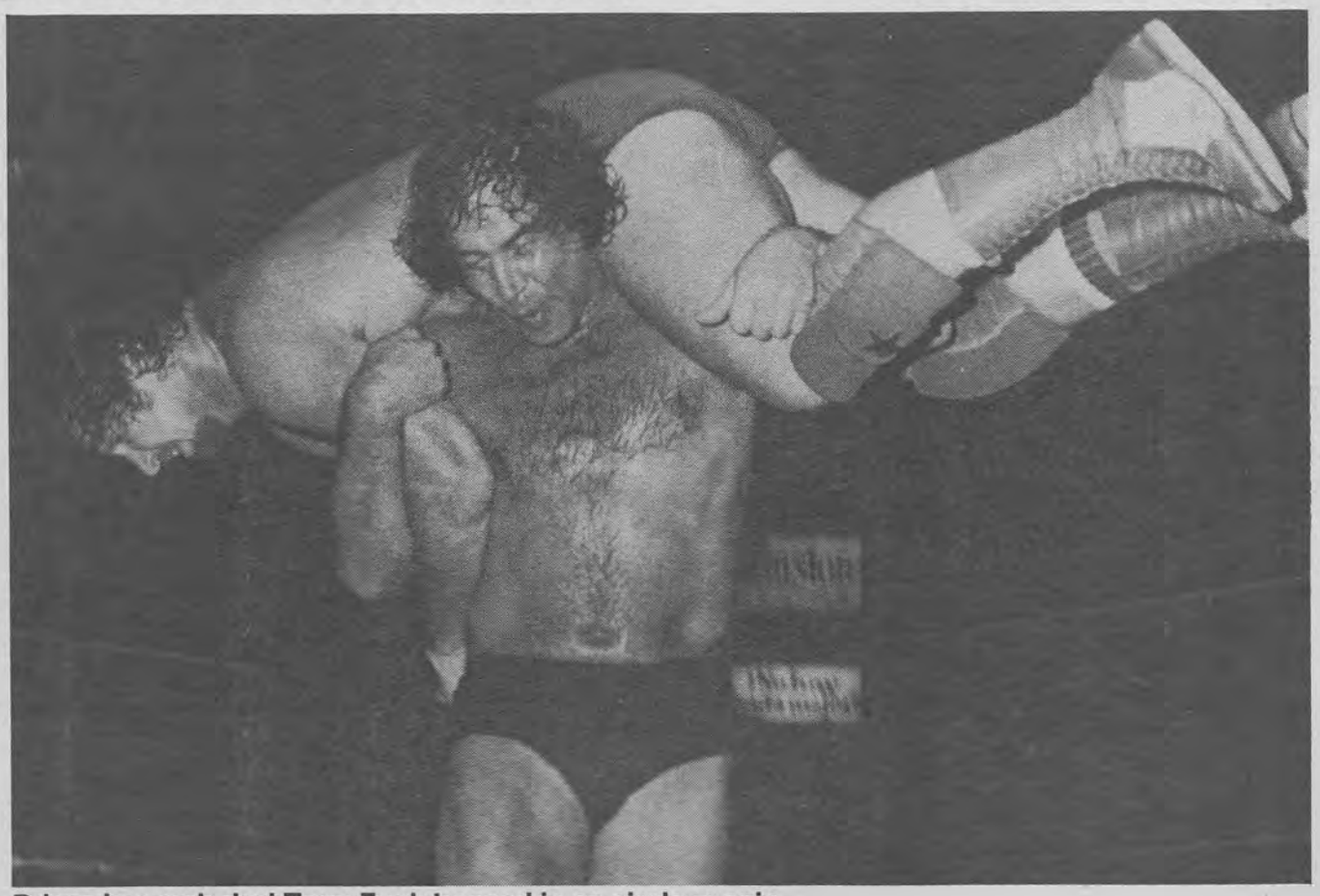
by JACQUELINE QUARTARANO

Watching Jack Brisco in action, one can easily see that the man is dedicated to his profession. Jack Brisco is a former NWA World's heavyweight champion, having captured that prestigious honor with a victory over Harley Race in Houston, Texas on July 20, 1973. For more than two years Jack ruled the roost until he was defeated by arch rival Terry Funk in Miami Beach, on December 10, 1975. Now 10 years after first capturing the World's crown, Jack Brisco finds himself once again actively pursuing the most prestigious honor in the sport.

"As you know, the World's belt is the most sought-after prize in this profession and now I feel that I am ready once again to get back to the top," a determined Jack Brisco stated in between bouts at the Richmond Coliseum. "After losing the belt in 1975 I went through a few changes and it took me a couple of years to fully bounce back from this defeat. After losing the title I guess I lost all of my desire. At the time I didn't feel that I had changed but I was constantly being told that I was doing this wrong or that wrong. In fact I began to lose to opponents whom I had defeated so easily in the past. But after a while things began to turn around for me. This turnabout, however, did not just happen overnight. It came gradually over a period of time and soon I was back battling for the top honors."

After this dry spell, Jack Brisco even underwent a transition of sorts. Wrestling in Tennessee, the one time fan favorite started to get booed and with this fan reaction his style completely changed. Brisco now began resorting to tactics which had never been part of his usual repertoire. But with his new approach, Brisco was successful nonetheless and completely dominated Mid-America until returning home to the Sunshine State.

Once back in Florida, Brisco began to wrestle with renewed intensity. He regained the Florida Heavyweight belt, the Southern Heavyweight title as well as the tag team crown. But when he was unsuccessful in his attempt to win the World's belt,



Brisco has arch rival Terry Funk trapped in an airplane spin.

Jack is all business as he stands in the ring prior to a match.

The Brisco's proudly display their tag-team title belts.

Jack Brisco proudly displays his Caribbean belt.

The Brisco's display their title belts.

Brisco left Florida to wrestle in the Mid-Atlantic states. In the Mid-Atlantic states, Brisco fared very well as opponent after opponent fell to the awesome power and wrestling prowess of the sensational Brisco. Finally Brisco was matched against Paul Jones for the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight title. Needless to say Brisco defeated Jones to win the prized championship.

As champion, Brisco defeated everyone in the south. But his real goal all the while was getting a World's title bout against NWA champ Ric Flair. During his reign, Brisco managed to get one title shot, but in their encounter Flair was disqualified. Jack Brisco's World's title aspirations then went up in smoke!

Several months later Jack Brisco was scheduled to wrestle Dory Funk Jr. for the Mid-Atlantic Wrestling title and when the match was about to get underway Paul Jones, the former Mid-Atlantic champion, accompanied Funk to the ring. During the battle, Funk, with outside assistance from Jones, managed to strip Jack Brisco of his title. "I'll get even!" a determined Jack Brisco declared after the bout. "Paul Jones knew that he couldn't defeat me on his own so he hired Dory Funk Jr. to do his dirty work. But, Funk would never have defeated me if he hadn't received outside assistance from Paul Jones. I will get even with both of them! You mark my words!"

Jack Brisco is still trying to win back that Mid-Atlantic title and in his quest for the title Brisco and Funk have battled on numerous occasions. Actually, the Brisco-Funk rivalry is one of the longest standing rivalries in the sport. Their misunderstanding goes back 10 years when Dory Jr. ruled the wrestling scene. Dory Jr. rose to prominence on February 11, 1969 with a victory over Gene Kiniski for the World's crown. From that day on, Funk's most persistent challenger was Jack Brisco. These two arch enemies waged war in every arena throughout the Southern and Western parts of the country. Their war came to a momentary halt on March 24, 1973 when Harley Race defeated Dory Funk Jr. for the world's crown. But, it heated up again soon after Brisco defeated Race for the title in Houston.

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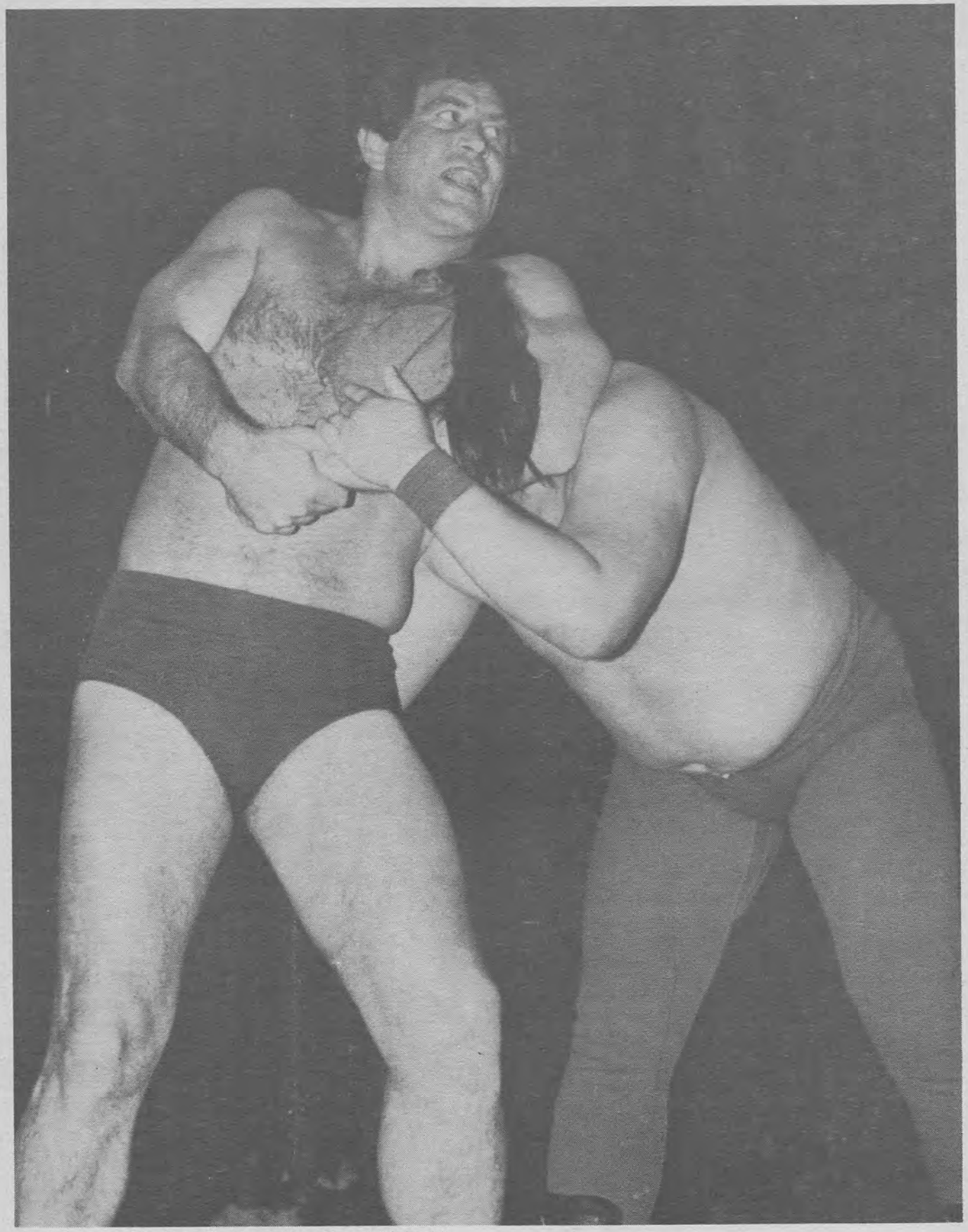

Jack has a side headlock on the Great Kabuki.

of his victory over Ric Flair in St. Louis on June 10, 1983.

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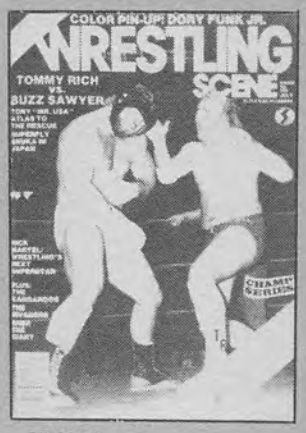

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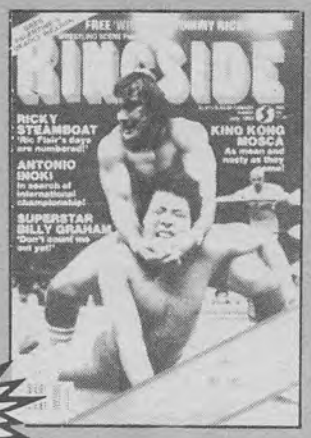

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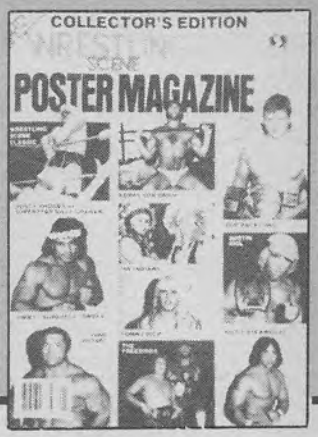

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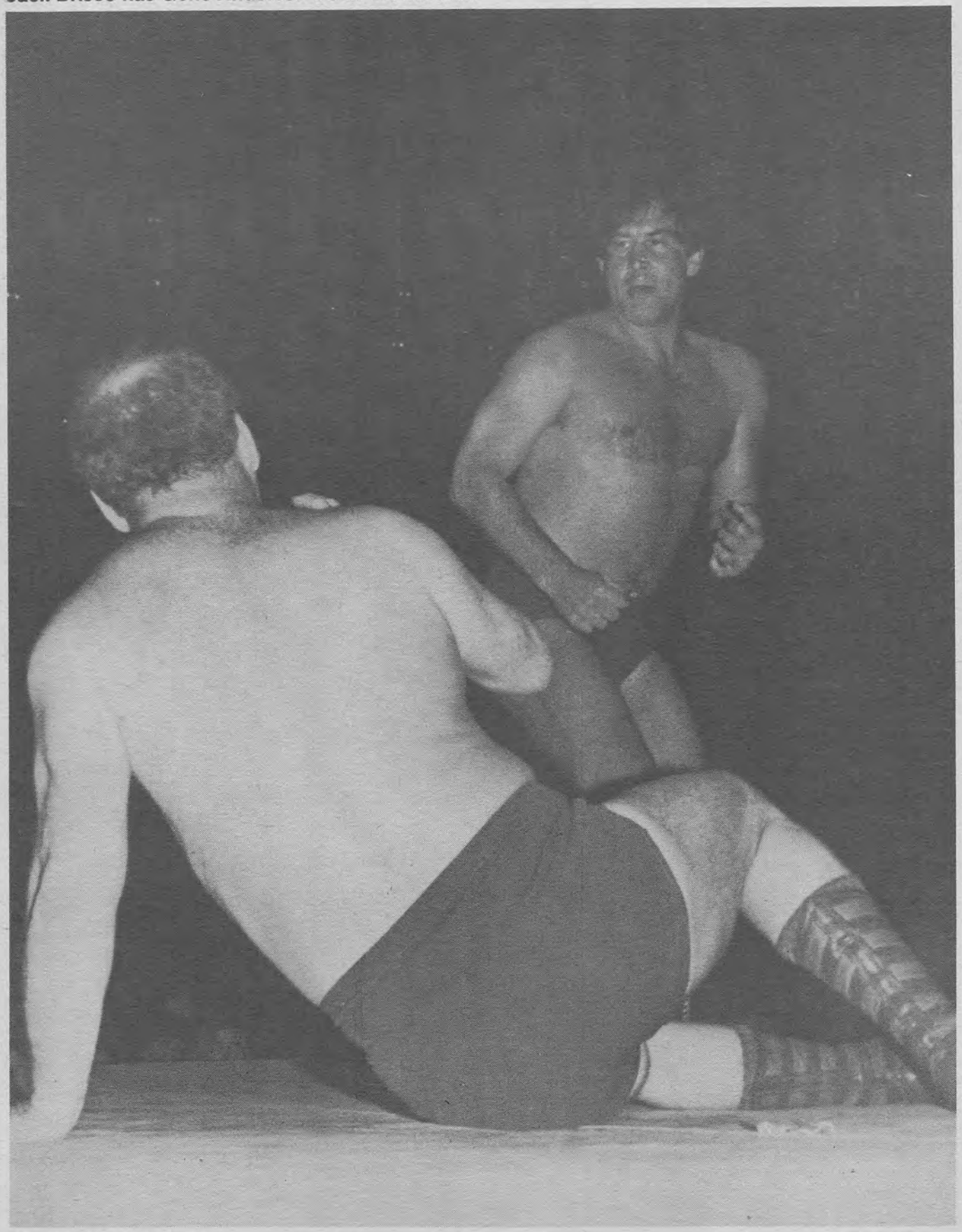

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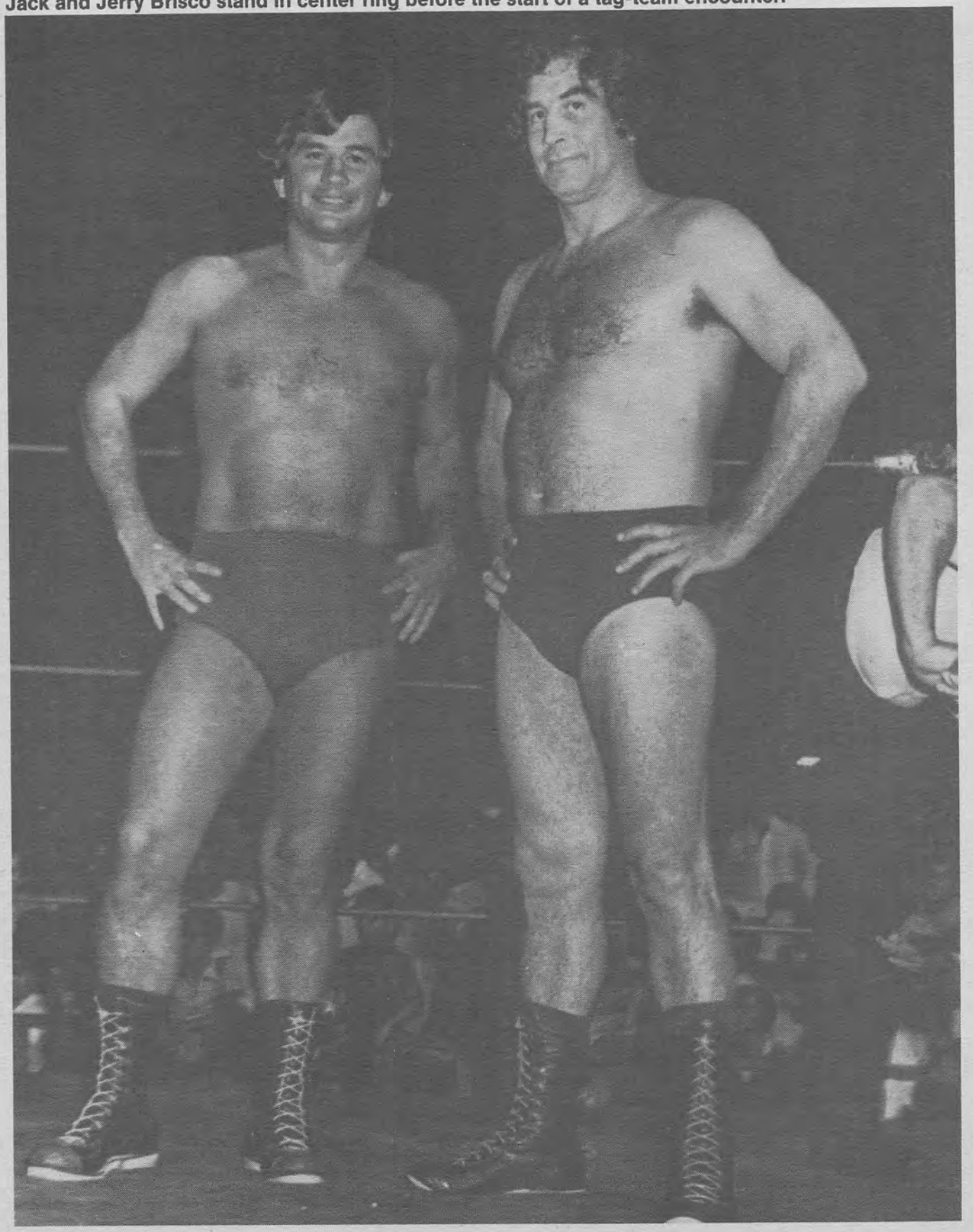

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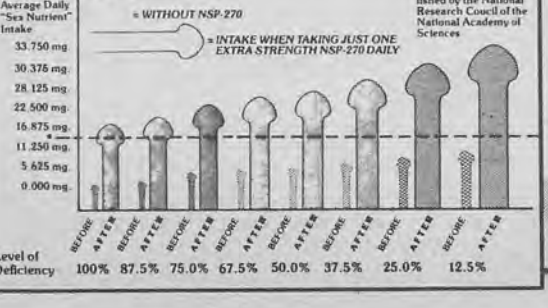

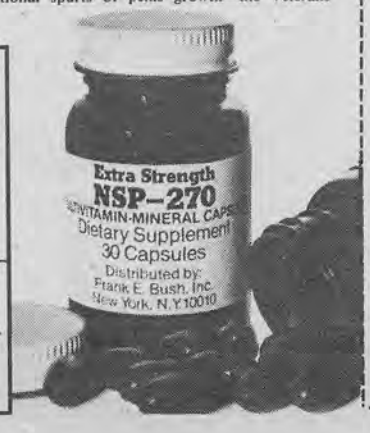

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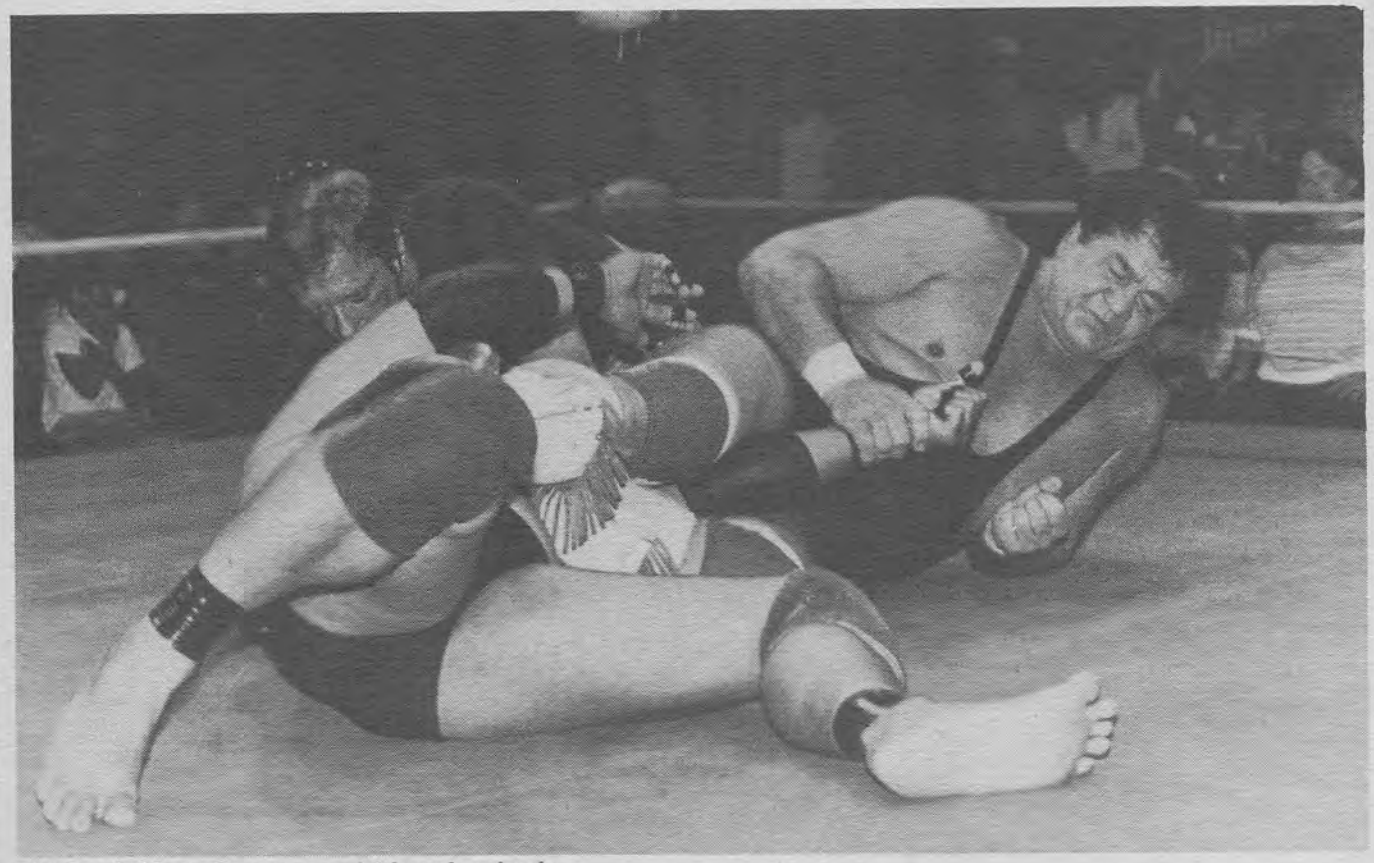
WAHOO McDANIEL

Indian on the Warpath!

In his career Wahoo McDaniel has captured titles all over the globe, but the Indian is still searching for the gold!

by GREGORY JOSEPH

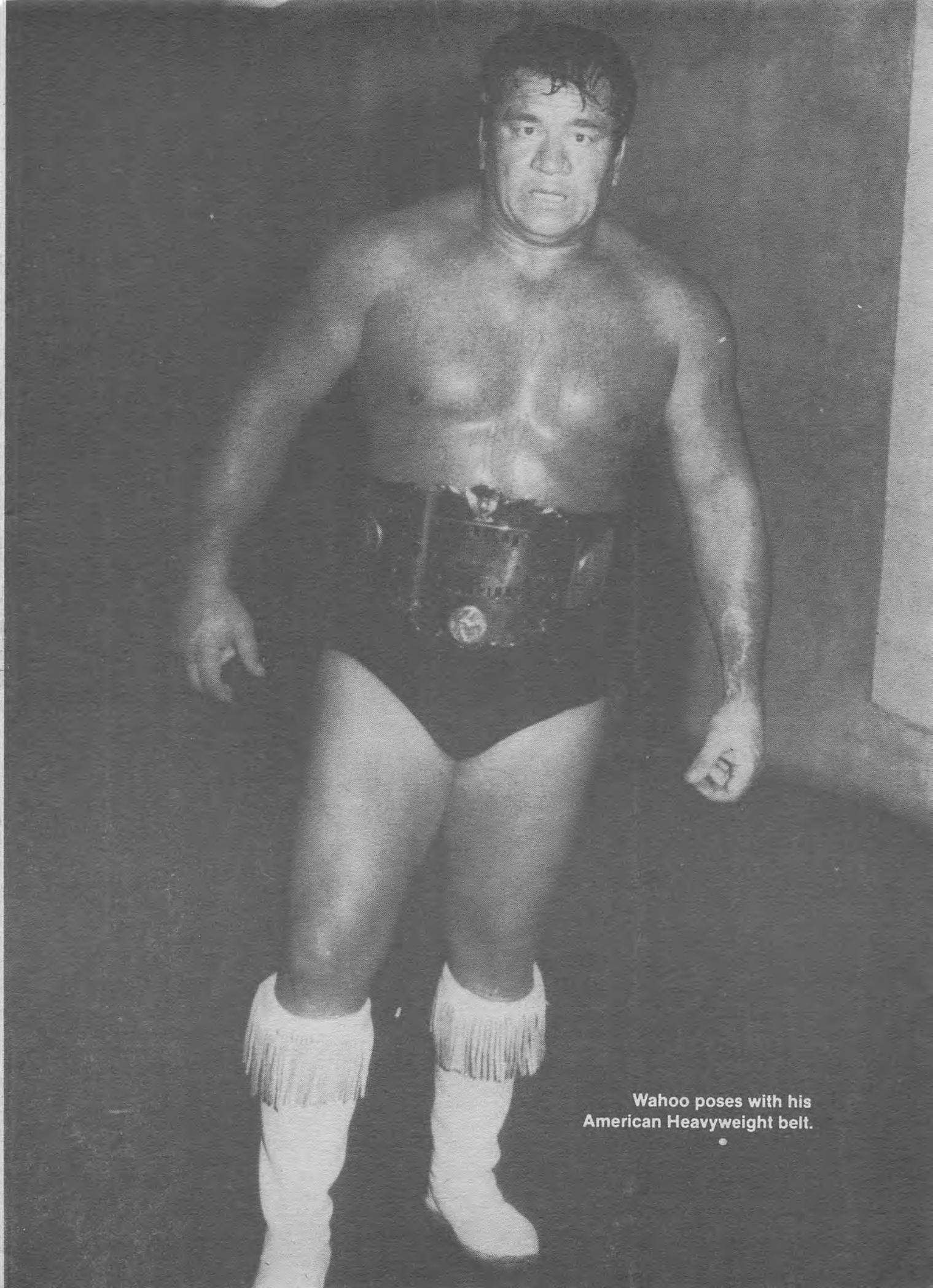


McDaniel has Coco caught in a leg lock.

Devastating is the only way to describe the vicious tomahawk chops delivered by the fantastic Wahoo McDaniel and incredible is the perfect way to sum up the great Indian's style. Wahoo McDaniel is a true veteran of many mat wars. The Indian has been competing full time since 1969 and McDaniel has done it all. The sensational Indian has captured the Mid-Atlantic title, Texas Heavyweight title, the Southern belt, the World tag team crown, the Florida Heavyweight championship, Brass Knuckles titles in both Florida and Texas plus scores of regional titles in his travels around the world.

Before pursuing a professional wrestling career, Wahoo, as many people are aware, was a professional football player. Wahoo played pro ball for nine seasons and was an outstanding player. During the off-season Wahoo wrestled and this dual career lasted from 1960 to 1969. In 1969 Wahoo decided to devote his full time and energy to his wrestling career and it was a decision very well taken. "I always knew that someday I would wrestle on a full time basis," Wahoo recalled. "It's not that I didn't enjoy my days playing football but I felt that I had a more rewarding future in wrestling. And, I know I made a wise choice!"

A football career is great, but it wouldn't have afforded Wahoo McDaniel the opportunity to travel all over the globe earning top dollar everywhere. Wahoo's popularity is such that the sensational Indian can



Wahoo poses with his American Heavyweight belt.

Wahoo is interviewed by Steve Stack on the USA Cable Network.

Wahoo McDaniel bends Coco Samoa's arm.

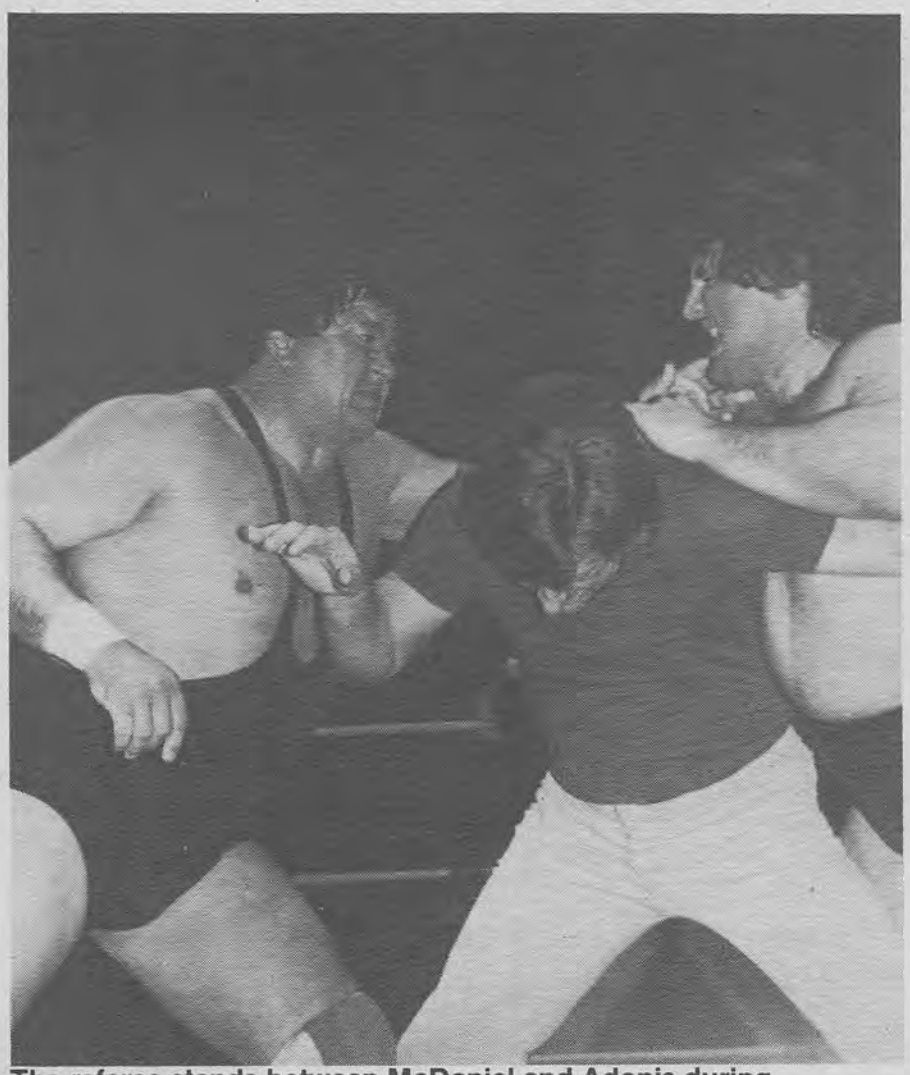
go practically anywhere in the world and write his own ticket. In recent months Wahoo McDaniel has appeared in the Mid-Atlantic states and the Southwest as well as the AWA! He is one of the most traveled men in the sport and one of the select few whose name on a card almost always insures a sellout.

What is it about Wahoo McDaniel that the fans admire? It's his fierce competitive spirit. Whenever you see Wahoo McDaniel in action the Indian goes all out to subdue his adversary. His vicious Indian tomahawk chops could stop anyone dead in their tracks and they have. Once Wahoo sets up his opponent with his chops, his victim is then easy prey for several of Wahoo's pet finishing maneuvers. Wahoo's favorite finishing hold is the sleeper, but he is also adept at applying his patented Choctaw Deathlock and once applied, it's deadly.

"When I go in that ring, the only thought on my mind is to defeat my opponent," Wahoo stated. "My opponent also has the same thing on his mind and it's a physical chess game in that ring. I make a move; he makes a move. I counter; he counters. Fortunately, I have more things at my disposal than the average wrestler. That's why I've been a success. Hey, it hasn't been easy. You have to work very hard to get to the top and then even twice as hard to stay there. In my career, I've had my share of ups and downs but fortunately everything has been going very well for me lately. I've been wrestling in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, St. Paul and my winning percentage has been excellent."

One man that the Indian would love to defeat is AWA kingpin Nick Bockwinkel. Wahoo has faced the AWA champion on several occasions in every arena throughout the AWA, but unfortunately for the Indian he has just not been able to pry the title away from the crafty Bockwinkel. "Bockwinkel is an excellent champion," Wahoo stated. "He knows all the tricks of the trade and he uses each and every one of them to his advantage. In the last 20 years I've seen all of the champions in the AWA and the NWA and Nick Bockwinkel rates right up there at the top of all the champions I've met. The man is a true professional. He's rough, cunning, sly, knowledgeable and sneaky. These are the perfect

Wahoo McDaniel often teamed with Chief White Owl early in his career.

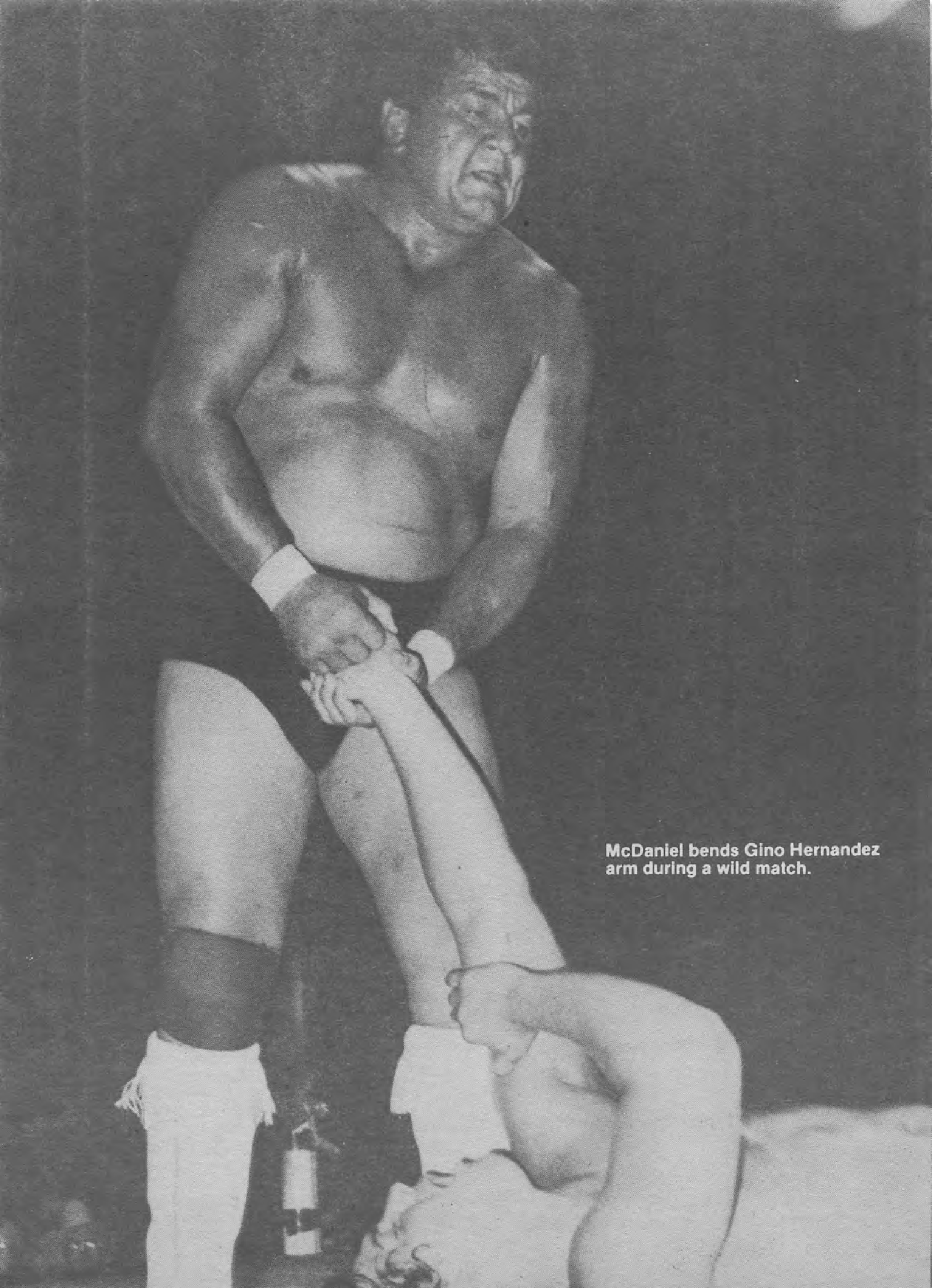


The referee stands between McDaniel and Adonis during one of their brawls.

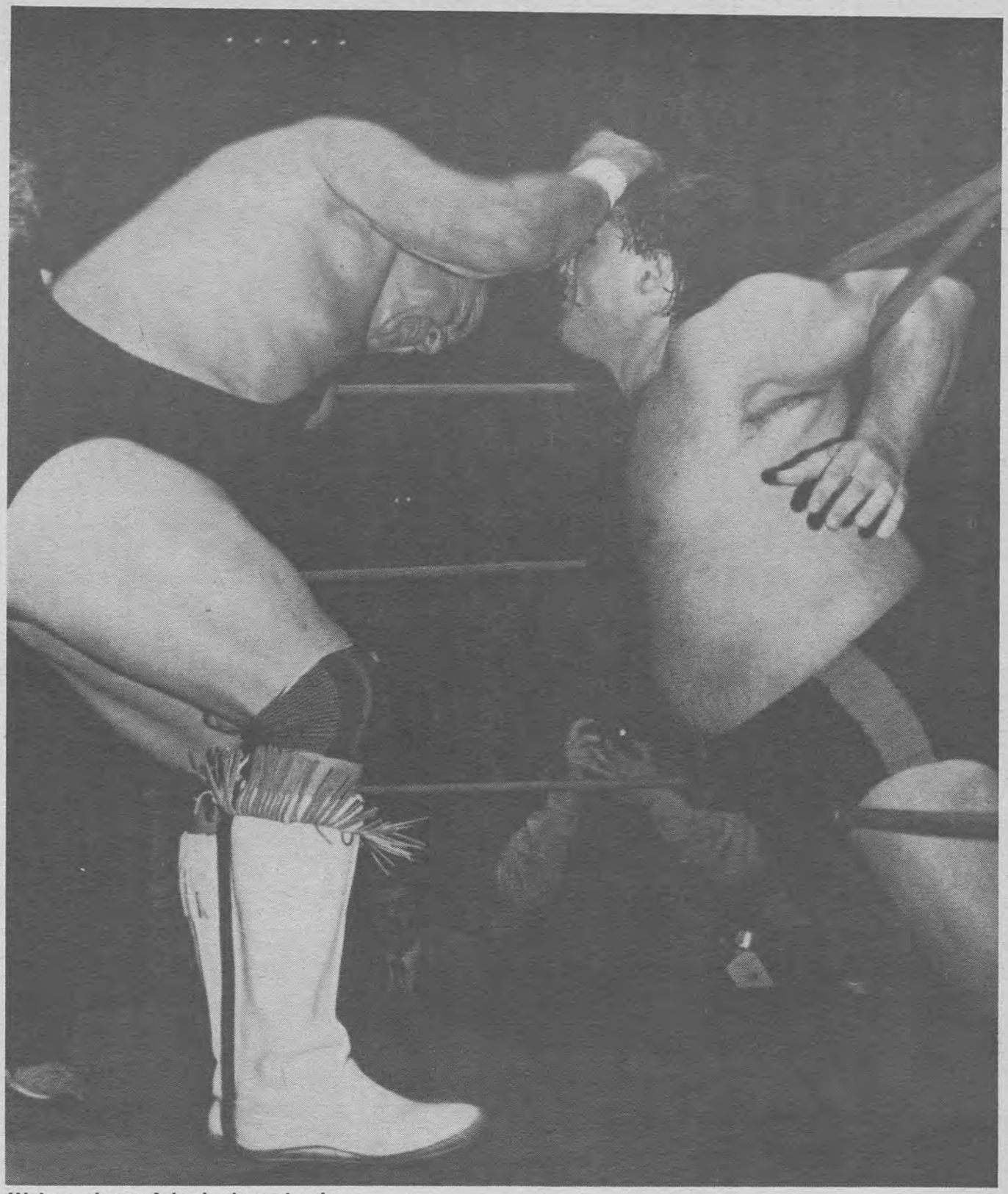
ingredients for a champion to possess. Actually, I would love to get another opportunity to face the man. I feel that I possess all of these same ingredients myself and with just a little luck the title will be mine!"

In the last year Wahoo has waged war in the Mid-Atlantic area against another champion, NWA kingpin Ric Flair. These two have met on numerous occasions and in one instance Wahoo was even handed the World's belt. But, unfortunately for the Indian, it was quickly taken back and returned to Flair. "Ric Flair and I simply do not see eye-to-eye. I respect him for what he represents, but as a champion I feel that he just doesn't have it. I have never in my entire life met a man luckier than Flair. As champion Flair has managed to use that disqualification rule to his advantage to keep his title. I've beaten him so many times I have even lost count. But he's still got what I want, the World's belt and I will keep on trying until I do it right."

In his career, Wahoo has battled all of the greats. His clashes with Johnny Valentine, Dory Funk Jr. and Jack Brisco have been real classics with the Indian even holding a decisive edge in victories over these top stars. "In my estimation Johnny Valentine is the toughest man I've ever faced," Wahoo recalled. "The man was simply phenomenal inside that ring. He knew exactly what he



McDaniel bends Gino Hernandez arm during a wild match.



Wahoo chops Adonis down to size.

wanted to do the moment he stepped through those ropes. We battled all over Texas and then in Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia and each match was a real war. I'll admit that I learned a lot from that guy, even though he was not what you would call a good guy. Once he stepped through those ropes he was all business and he pounded you and pounded you until he completely wore you down. Our battles were classics," Wahoo paused for several seconds to compose his thoughts and then continued. "Two other men cut from a similar mold are Dory Funk Jr. and Jack Brisco. Although both are not as ruthless as Valentine both Funk and Brisco know how to wrestle! Whenever you face either one, you better know your wrestling because if you don't you'll be in for trouble."

Wahoo McDaniel is as tough today as he was when he first entered the professional ranks. The Indian knows his wrestling inside and out, and if Lady Luck gets on his side, Wahoo McDaniel will soon be wearing the championship strap of a major alliance. ★

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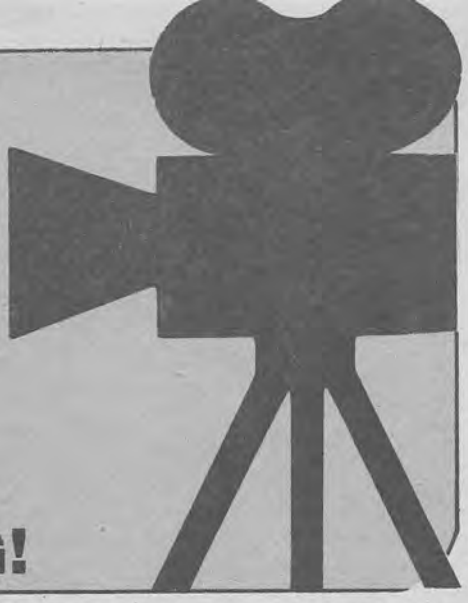

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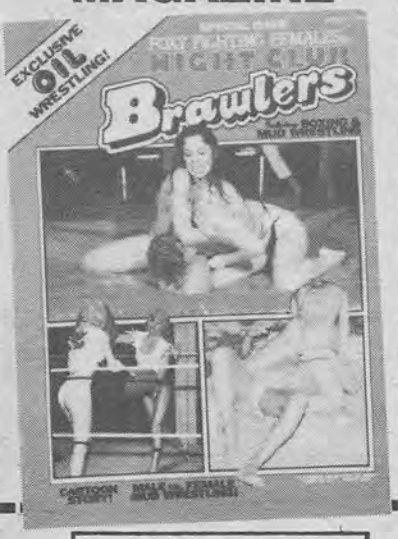

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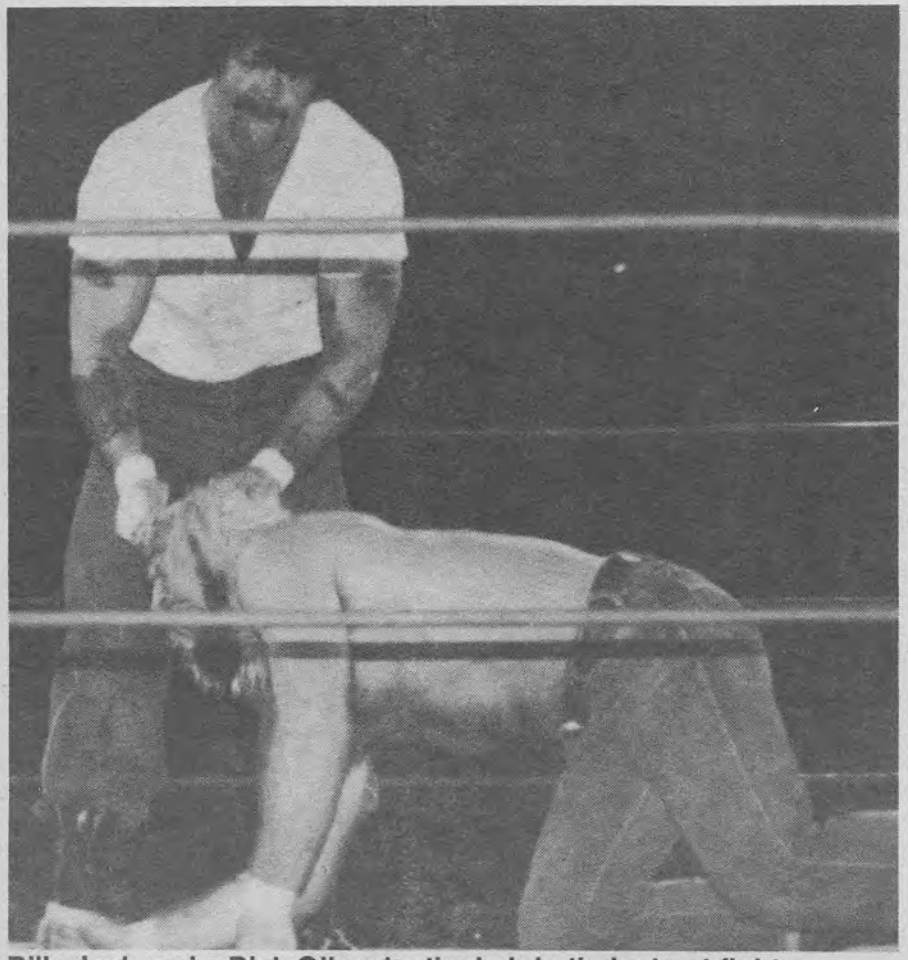
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Home of Future Champions!

Many of today's top stars received their start in the Pacific Northwest. Tomorrow's young crop looks just as good!

by J. HAMM

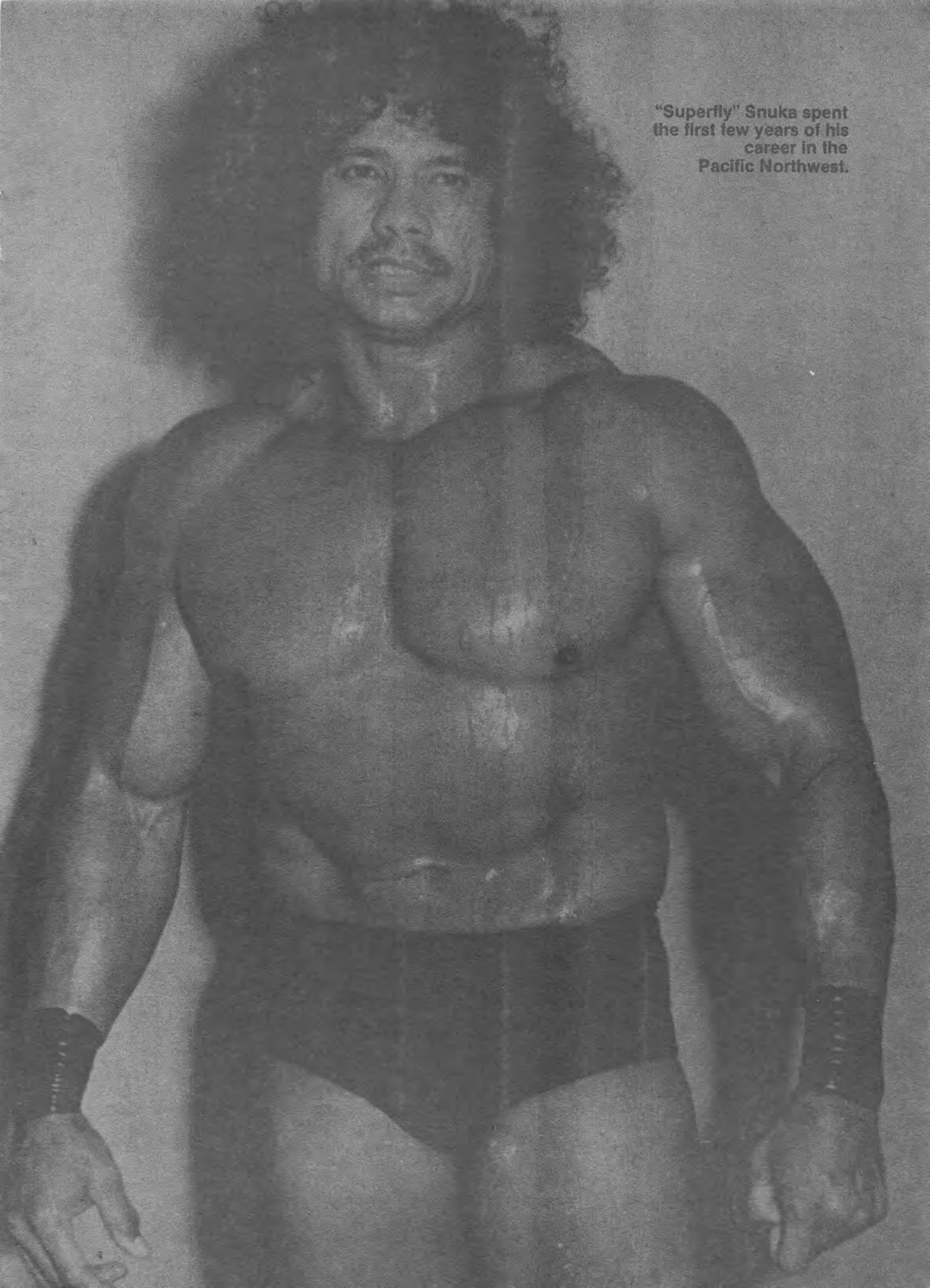


Billy Jack grabs Rick Oliver by the hair in their street fight.

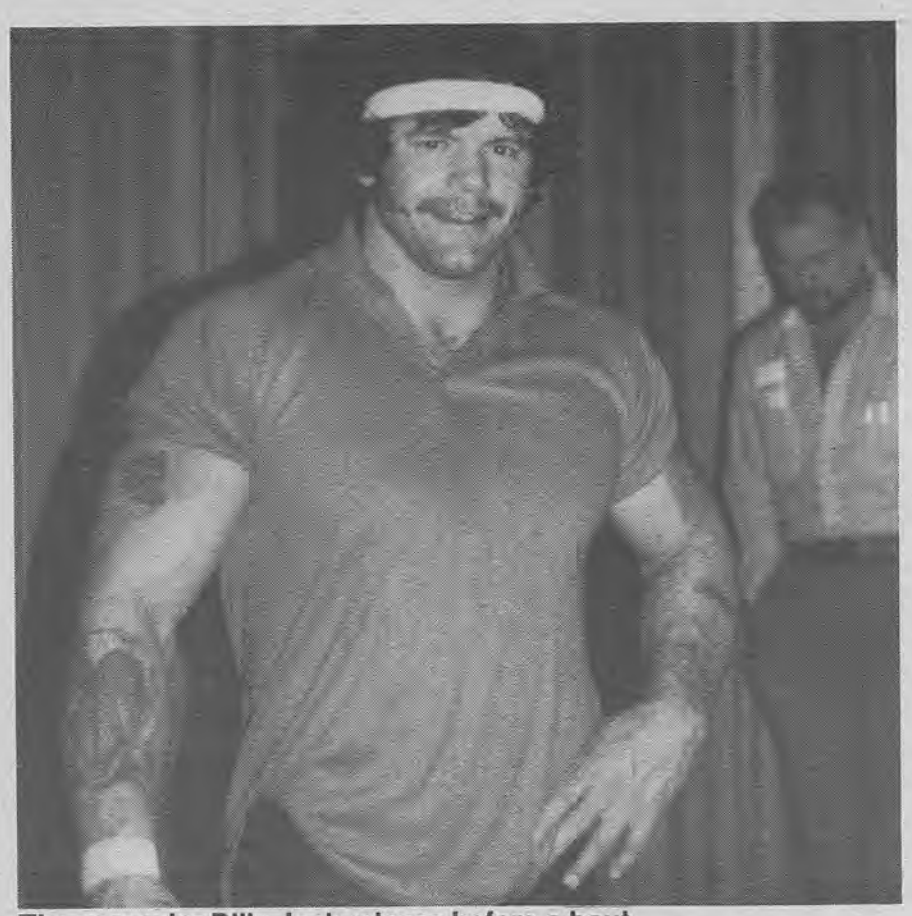
Success never comes overnight! It takes plenty of hard work and a lot of determination to succeed in professional wrestling. Each and everyone of the stars that are main eventing all over the country paid their dues, before arriving at their present position. But the common factor for many of the stars of today is that a substantial number of them received their first exposure to wrestling in the Pacific Northwest. For years the Pacific Northwest has been known as the "Home of the Future Stars," and after looking at the list of stars that received their first break in the Northwest, it's easy to see why.

"Superfly" Jimmy Snuka spent five long years in the Pacific Northwest honing up his skills and developing the style that has made him an international sensation. His amazing "Superfly Leap" has been an integral part of Snuka's repertoire ever since he first developed it in Northwest rings.

Roddy Piper is another star who gained monumental fame and quite a bit of experience wrestling in the states of Washington and Oregon. It was here that Roddy put it all together. After practicing and refining his skills, Roddy went on the road and he has been a tremendous



"Superfly" Snuka spent the first few years of his career in the Pacific Northwest.



The muscular Billy Jack relaxes before a bout.

Hacksaw Sawyer applies a camel clutch on Sheik Abdullah.

success ever since. Roddy, however, has never once forgotten his roots and has often returned to his second home to appear before his real fans.

The sensational Adrian Adonis and Jesse Venture are two more stars that had their starts here. It was while wrestling in the Pacific Northwest that Adonis and Venutra decided to team together. This partnership eventually led them to the AWA World's tag team title as well as individual titles for both men. Today Adrian Adonis, after winning a tournament in Houston, Texas, is still a champion!

The "Playboy" Buddy Rose is another product of the Pacific Northwest circuit. Before anyone across the country had ever heard about "Playboy" Buddy Rose, the Playboy was tearing up the area with his own brand of mayhem. Once he was finally discovered and taken to Broadway in New York City, the world was let in on his playboy mystique. After completing his stint in the east, Buddy Rose returned "home" and is once again driving the fans crazy. At the present time "Playboy" Rose is feuding with another home town hero, Curt Henning. Curt, too, began his career in the Northwest before moving east. But in his first tour of the area, Curt did not stay too long. Today the popular star has returned and he definitely will be one of the top stars in the sport in the very near future. At this present time Curt Henning is the proud holder of the Pacific Northwest title and doing very well!

Today Rick Martel is the darling of the AWA. Martel's popularity in the Northwest was phenomenal when he first began his rise to prominence. Martel has often stated that he owes a great deal of his success to the days he spent wrestling in the Northwest.

As you can plainly see the list of stars that received their experience in the Pacific Northwest is quite impressive. Also included on the list are Buzz Sawyer and Matt Borne, two of the best young stars in the sport today. Everyone all over the world knows of the accomplishments of both of these great stars from watching them on *World Championship Wrestling*, on Superstation WTBS. Both men started in the Northwest and just look how far they have progressed!

In the last year alone the fans in the Northwest have seen possibly the best young crop of talent to come along in many years. Tommy Rogers, better known as the "Rebel Rouser," came to the Northwest from Hattisburg, Mississippi via several wrestling territories. In the sport just over a year, Tommy has wrestled from one coast to another. Rogers started out in Florida under the watchful eyes of Jack and Jerry Brisco. Tommy then moved his base of operations to Atlanta, Georgia, the home of *World Championship Wrestling*. Tommy's next stop was Portland, Oregon and he has been there ever since. Tommy's handsome features and dashing southern personality have made him very popular with the fans.

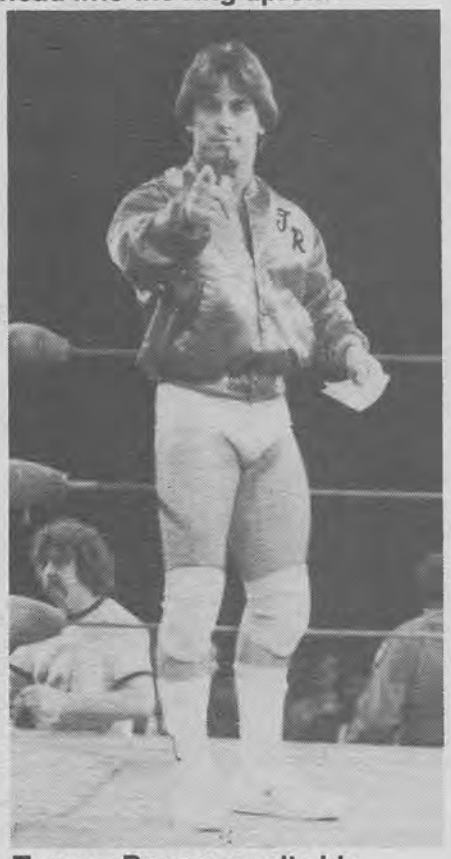
Chris Adams is England's addition to the Northwest wrestling scene. Chris has brought his European style and "Double Quick Super Kick" into play and with these maneuvers he has won the hearts of the fans. Chris is no stranger to the west coast as he made his United States debut in Los Angeles, California. L.A. was the scene of Chris' first titles as he won the Americas Heavyweight championship and the Americas tag team title there. Chris is still the current

"Playboy" Buddy Rose was a hit in the Northwest before he conquered Broadway!

Ric Martel began his rise to fame in the Pacific Northwest.

Chris Adams rams the Assassin's head into the ring apron.

Hacksaw Sawyer is one of the top stars in the Pacific Northwest.



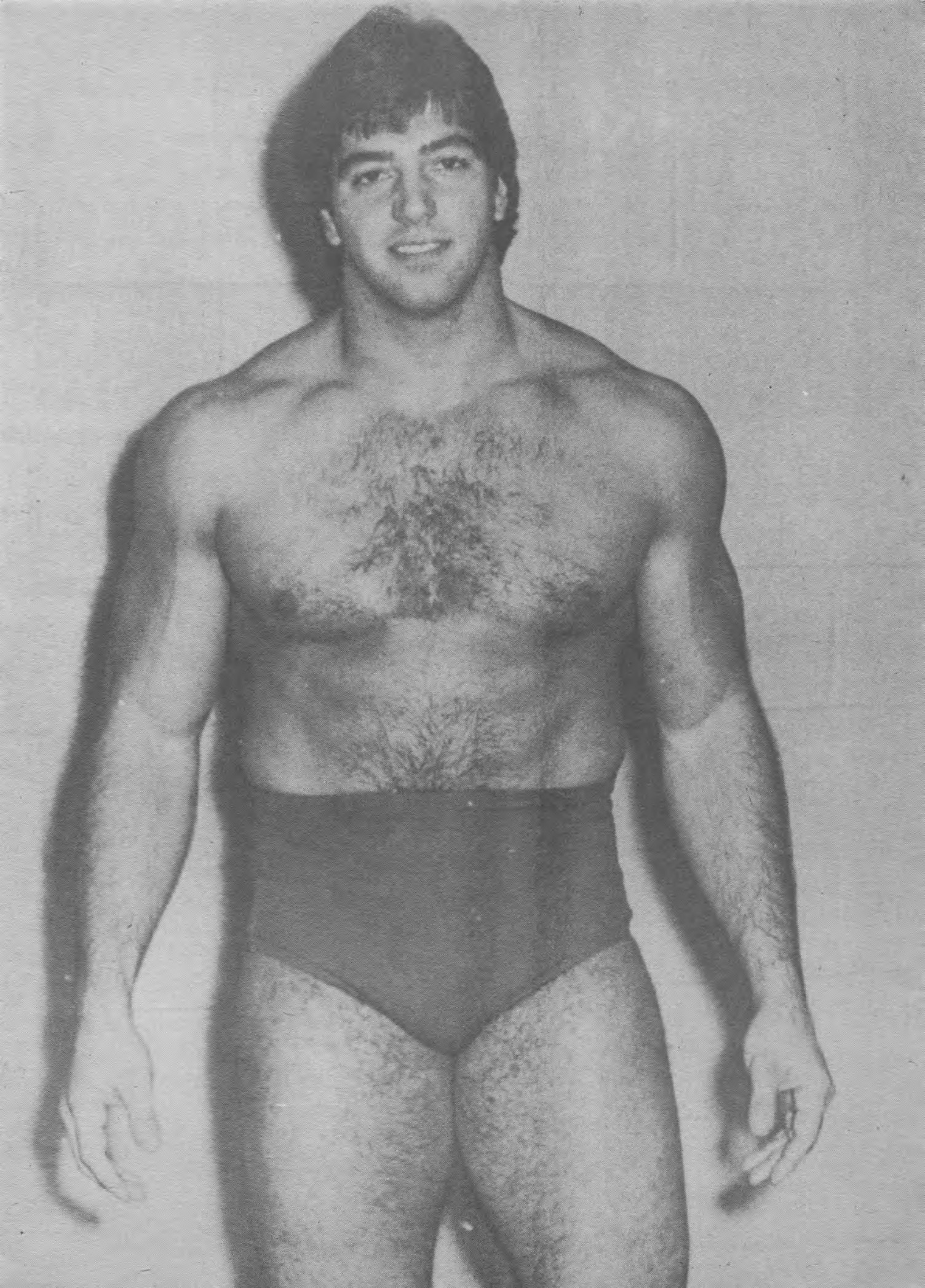
Tommy Rogers awaits his introduction.

British Empire Heavyweight champion but has not defended that title here. Adams is a master of the Martial Arts and blends them well with his exciting wrestling maneuvers. Chris Adams is a high flyer and a fan favorite wherever he goes.

Hacksaw Sawyer, baby brother of Mad Dog Sawyer (if you call 6' tall, 225 pounds a baby) has been in the Northwest for almost three years and has blossomed into a great young wrestler. When Hacksaw first hit the scene he teamed with brother Buzz to win the Northwest tag team titles. This great 22-two-year-old from St. Petersburg, Florida was also the youngest man ever to wear the Pacific Northwest Heavyweight belt at the age of 21. Hacksaw held the title through most of 1982, losing it to Rip Oliver in March, regaining it in April, losing it back to Oliver a week later. Hack again won the title in August and kept it until late December when Sheik Abdullah Ali Hassen cheated his way to a victory. Hacksaw also was a member of two more championship teams during 1982, teaming with Steve Pardee and Rocky Johnson to win the Northwest Tag belts. Hacksaw has proven himself World championship material by holding NWA champion Ric Flair to a one-hour time limit draw and also taking Flair down to the last two minutes of the time limit before a freak move gave Flair the win. Sawyer is a star of the future and soon to be a world champion.

Big Billy Jack is a six foot, four inch, 251 pound hulk of a man who is a rookie in the grappling game. This native of Portland, Oregon is the newest and most popular man to ever travel the Interstate in many a year! Billy is a protege of former wrestling star Dutch Savage. Savage is grooming this newest sensation for future title matches against the Pacific Northwest champion and also the World's champions. Billy has been wrestling for one year and has wrestled in the Midwest and Calgary, Alberta, Canada where he had a big feud with Scott Ferris. After his test under fire, Billy decided to come "home" to the Northwest and the people he loved. Since returning Billy has met and defeated all the top stars including: "Playboy" Buddy Rose, the Assassin, Sheik Abdullah Ali Hassen, Matt Borne and Rip Oliver. Billy has been feuding with Oliver as of late and with good reason. Rip has done some dastardly deeds to Billy including slapping his dad on TV, cutting him open and pushing a 400-pound barbell on top of Billy as he was attempting to press it in a weightlifting contest between the two. Billy's size and strength are two of his greatest assets and his pet hold, the Full Nelson, is yet to be broken. People are talking loud and long about Billy Jack, a man who will go far in pro wrestling.

All these young men are exceptional at what they do and someday you may see them in your town. They are the Bruno Sammartino's and Verne Gagne's of tomorrow. With young talent like this it's no wonder the Northwest is called the "Home of Future Stars."★



THE MANY FACES OF THE MIDNIGHT RIDER

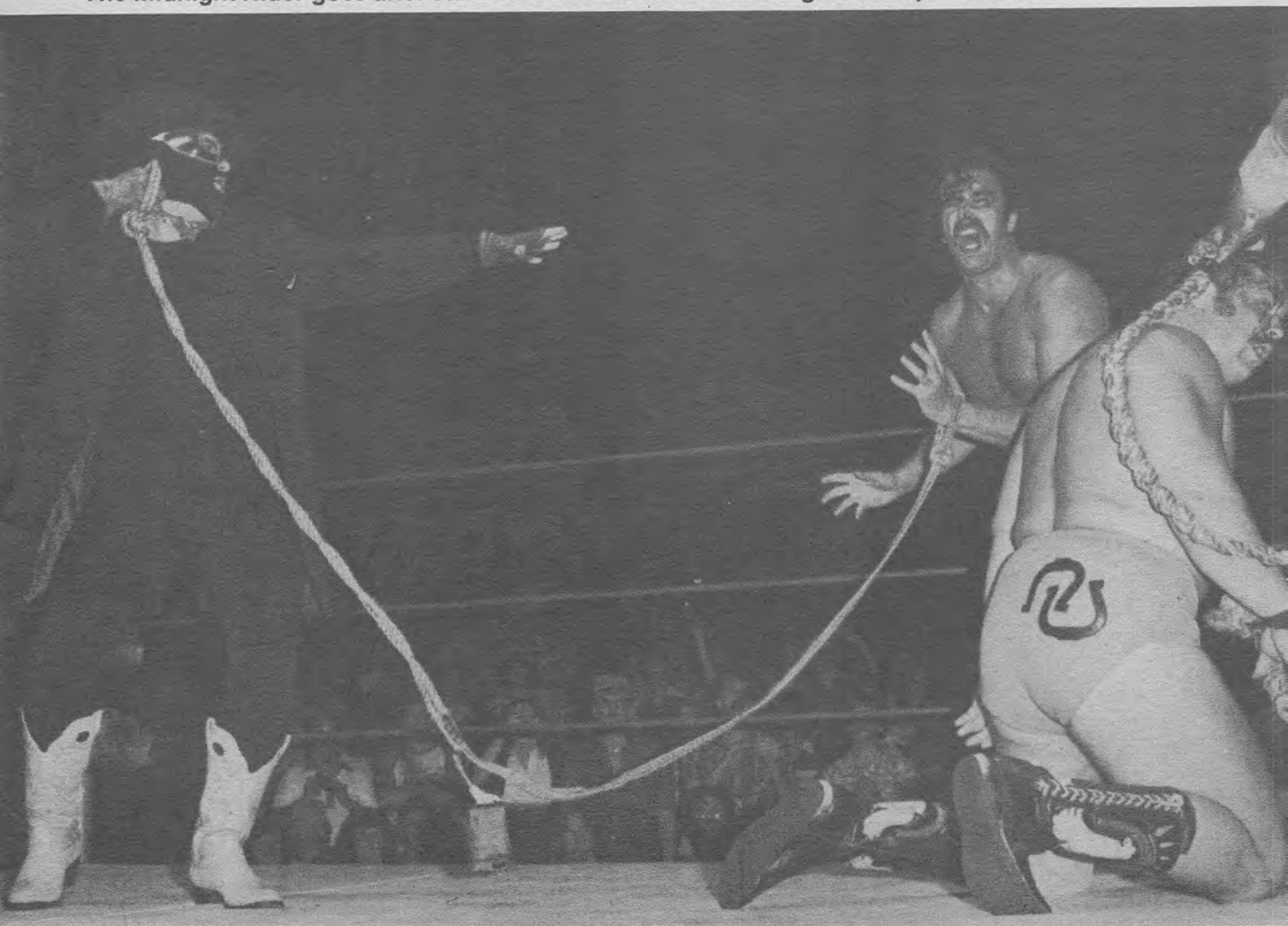
Who is this mysterious masked man? No one knows for sure!

by JACK O'SHEA

From January 1 until February 18, 1983 a mysterious masked man wrestled throughout Florida. The Midnight Rider was his name and the masked man caused quite a bit of controversy and turmoil as he toured the Sunshine State. The surprise behind the Midnight Rider's mastery stems from the fact that as soon as Dusty Rhodes was banned from Florida for losing a "loser-leave-town" bout to Kevin Sullivan, the Midnight Rider appeared on the scene.

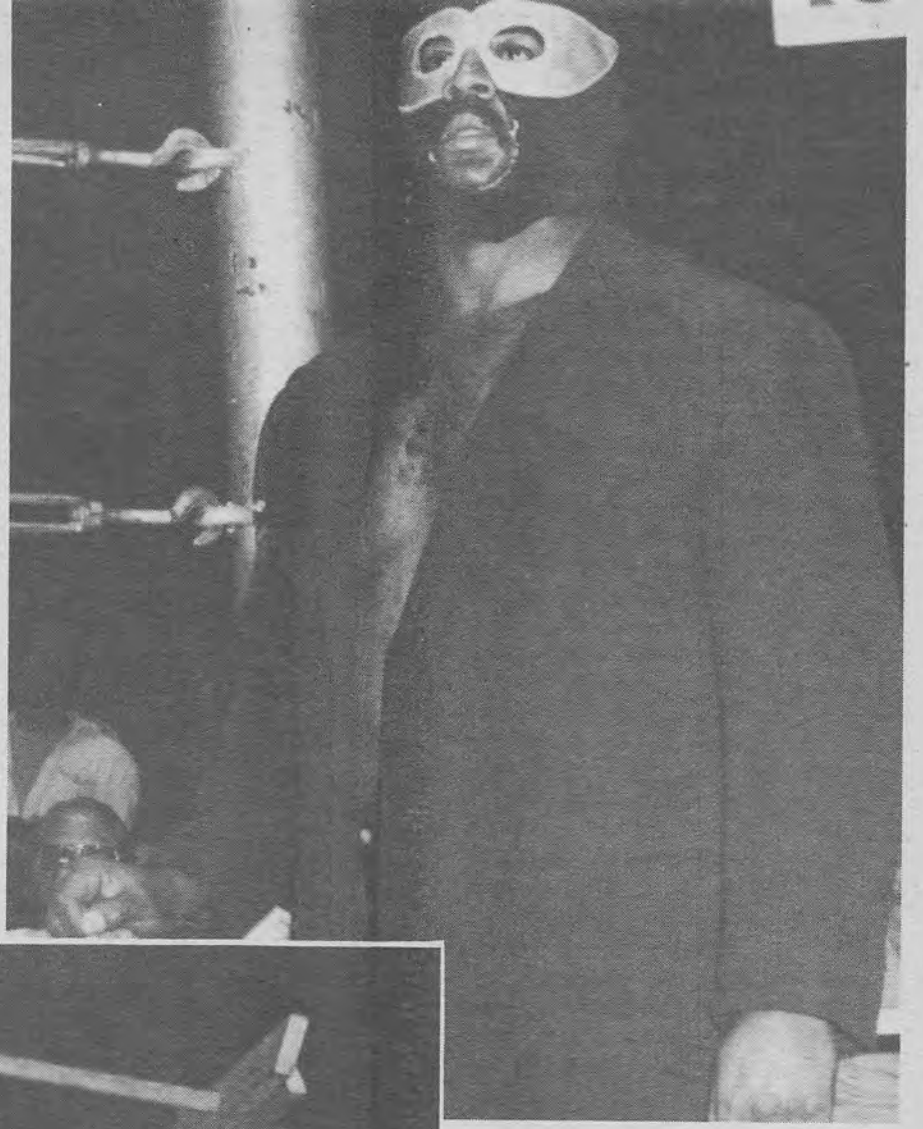
Immediately, everyone began to feel that the man behind the Midnight Rider's mask was the "American Dream" himself, Dusty Rhodes. J.J.

The Midnight Rider goes after Jake "The Snake" Roberts during a bull rope match.



Dillon, Kevin Sullivan and Jake Roberts at once petitioned the NWA office in St. Louis trying to obtain a ruling barring the Midnight Rider from appearing in Florida. But NWA president Bob Geigel would not hear of it. Geigel, however, issued a statement that if the Midnight Rider were unmasked and turned out to be Dusty Rhodes, then Rhodes would be suspended from wrestling anywhere in the states for one year. This ruling seemed to have no effect at all on the Midnight Rider. The masked man simply continued his winning ways in sensational fashion, never once backing down from any challenge.

The Midnight Rider's biggest accomplishment came in Miami on the "Night of the Mask." On that night, the Midnight Rider defeated Ric Flair to capture the NWA World's Heavyweight title! But by now it is common knowledge that the Midnight Rider mysteriously returned the World's belt to NWA president Bob Geigel when he was asked to reveal



The Midnight Rider holding a chair looks quite different from the Midnight Rider watching the action at ringside.

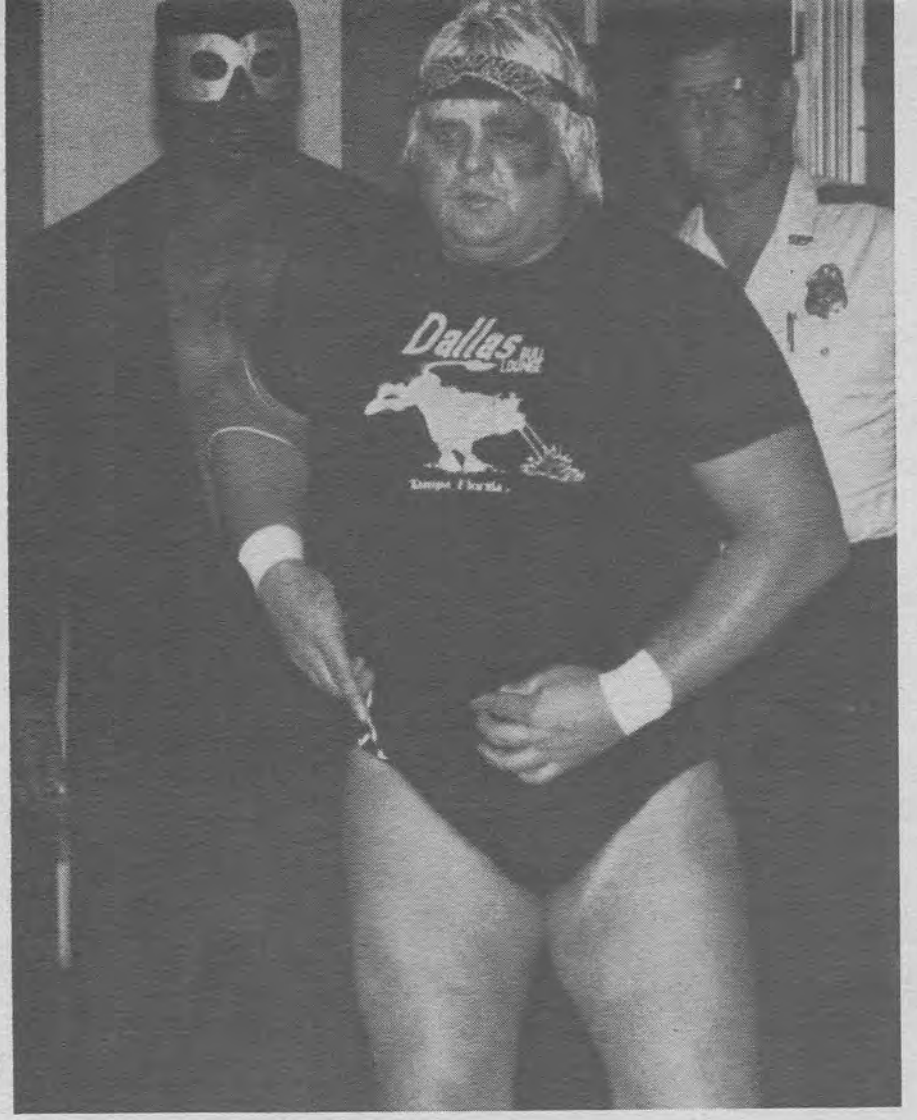
his identity. Why did the Midnight Rider refuse the title? The biggest theory is that the Midnight Rider was *indeed* Dusty Rhodes and if he made this fact known to the NWA president, he would then be suspended for one year. What good would the World's title do him if he would be unable to defend it? But, this is merely speculation.

Once refusing the title, the Midnight Rider continued his winning ways for a couple of more weeks before vanishing in the middle of February. It must be noted, however, that as soon as the Midnight Rider departed the Florida scene, Dusty Rhodes made his triumphant return! After Dusty's return he was asked repeatedly if there was any truth to the rumor that he was the Midnight Rider. In his true inimitable style the Dream replied, "Me and the Rider the same person? Ain't no way, Jack!

The Midnight Rider escorts Dusty Rhodes to the ring.

I know the Midnight Rider. He's a real good friend of mine. In fact he left his glove with Gordon Solie to give to me. The man is a genius. Wherever there is trouble, he comes around to help, just like the American Dream himself. But, to even think that we are the same person is crazy! You know what, I'll let you in on a little secret. Very soon I'm going to call my good friend, the Midnight Rider, to second me in a match. It won't just be an ordinary match. It will be a match against Ric Flair. Now you know that the Midnight Rider can handle Ric Flair by himself, don't you? Well he'll be with me lending me some moral support."

Dusty Rhodes and the Midnight Rider together? Everyone throughout the state of Florida and in fact all over the wrestling world were very anxious to see these two stars together. There are quite a few people who felt that at the last minute some-



The Midnight Rider helping Dusty Rhodes back to the dressing room does not appear to be the same one who escorted him to the ring.

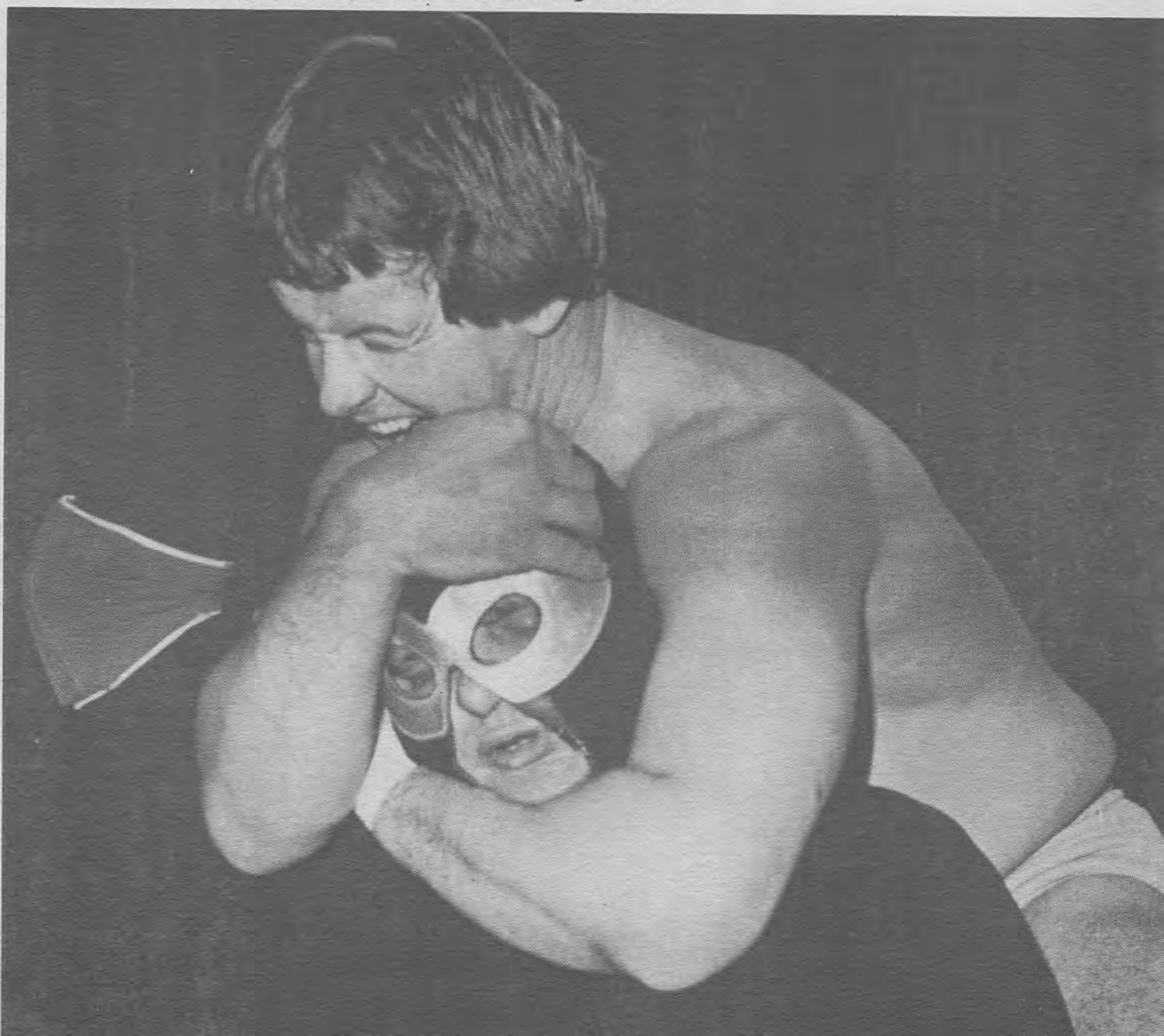
thing would happen to the Midnight Rider and he would be unable to appear. But, to everyone's surprise, the Midnight Rider *did* appear with Dusty Rhodes the night he battled Ric Flair. But was it the Midnight Rider, the same one that had terrorized the Sunshine State?

Actually, this Midnight Rider appeared quite different from the one who had defeated Flair. In fact, photos of Dusty's partner for the evening bear out this fact. Also, during the course of the Rhodes-Flair encounter, the Midnight Rider disappeared, only to reappear again—and the man who returned to ringside was definitely *not* the same one who had accompanied Rhodes to the ring. Needless to say Dusty was unable to capture the World's belt that night even with the Midnight Rider's moral support. But the real mystery still revolves around the identity of the Midnight Rider. Who is the *real* Midnight Rider? Does anyone really know?

During Dusty's original suspension, Rhodes appeared on TV to add his comments to Gordon Solie's astute description of the action during a match involving the Midnight Rider. But that particular Midnight Rider appeared tall and slender. Quite a contrast to the Midnight Rider who had defeated Ric Flair. Even though the Midnight Rider has been gone from the Florida scene for a couple of months, the mysterious masked man still haunts the Sunshine state. Will he ever return? Dusty Rhodes offered his opinion, "The man rode off into the sunset to solve other problems and settle other wars, but he will be back! Wherever there is a problem, whenever someone needs help, the Rider will be there. Believe me, because this comes from a very reliable source."

The Dream has spoken. Is he telling us all that he knows concerning the mysterious Midnight Rider? For now we will just have to believe Dusty and wonder if we will ever see the Midnight Rider again. But if the man of mystery ever reappears in Florida, no one will ever know for certain if he is the "real" Midnight Rider for the masked man definitely has many different faces.★

Roddy Piper applies a sleeper hold on the Midnight Rider.



GEORGE STEELE

The crazy man has returned to the East Coast. Will Steele's vicious ways help him gain the crown?

by JACK O'SHEA

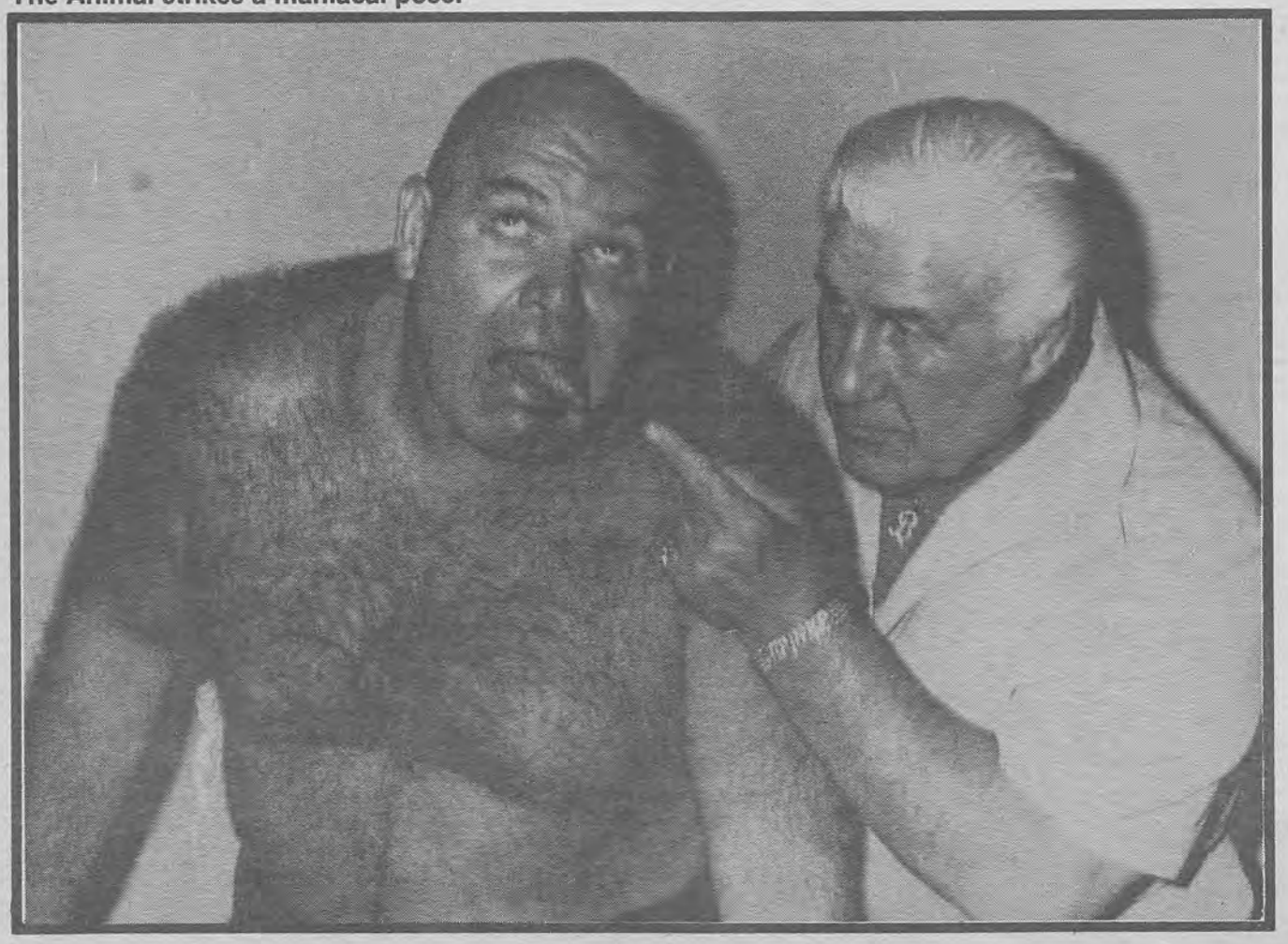
"Animal, Animal, Animal!" That's the only word that can describe the look and the antics of George Steele. The man is simply unbelievable! In the sport there are many wild, crazy wrestlers but there is only one "Animal," George Steele. In looks he bares a closer resemblance to the prehistoric Neanderthal man than any fossil ever unearthed. In actions, with the possible exception of Abdullah the Butcher, there is no one wilder. In short, George "the Animal" Steele is the wildest, craziest, most insane man ever to step into the ring.

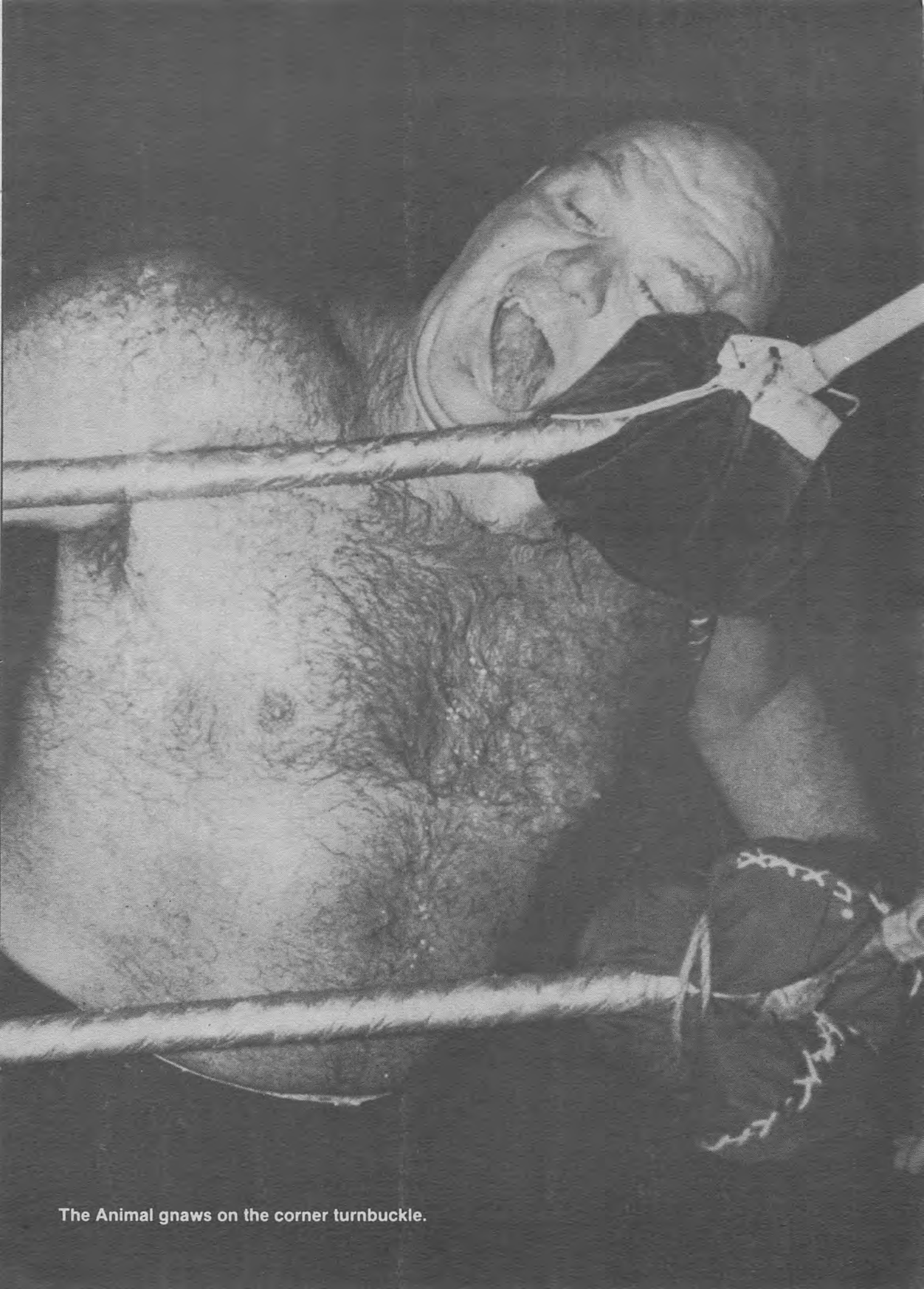
"The Animal" is not new to the wrestling scene. George Steele has been tearing apart opponent after opponent for the past 20 years. Unlike a fine wine, George "the Animal" Steele has not mellowed with age. If anything, George Steele is crazier today than he was when he first broke into the sport.

In a Steele match don't expect to see many wrestling moves. At times the Animal may surprise you with a legitimate hold or two but usually George Steele just bites, kicks, stomps, chews, or mauls his opponent into submission. Using this unorthodox style, the Animal has been highly successful, but many of his opponents have suffered tremendously from the physical abuse dished out by the Animal.

Should a man such as this be allowed to compete in the sport? Athletic commissions from many different states have actually barred "the Animal" from competing in their locale due to his blatant use of illegal tactics and, as we go to press, the New York State Athletic Commission

The Animal strikes a maniacal pose.





The Animal gnaws on the corner turnbuckle.

Steele kicks his opponent to the mid section.

The Animal glances menacingly at his opponent.

Steele has his opponent caught on the ropes as the referee attempts to intervene.

is right now thinking along these lines. "We have initiated rules and established guidelines that must be followed and our referees have been instructed to disqualify anyone who does not comply with our ruling," stated Julius Deak, an inspector for the New York State Athletic Commission. "If George Steele, or anyone else for that matter, does not follow our rules as set forth in our rule book they are liable to be disqualified in that match and possibly suspended indefinitely."

Besides Steele's poor, helpless opponents, the referees who are right there in the center of fire have quite a job trying to handle the Animal. "He's the worst," stated New York referee Al Vass. "I've been in the ring with George Steele many times and I've never seen a crazier man. I just never know if he even understands me or not when I try to get him to break a hold. When he looks at you with those rolling eyeballs and begins to grunt and groan like an animal in heat I almost forget where I am. Refereeing a George Steele match is like being trapped in a cage with a ferocious beast."

If the referees feel this way imagine then the terror that George Steele's opponents must undergo when they are signed to face this "Animal." In his career, the Animal has battered both Bruno Sammartino and Bob Backlund with the WWF title at stake. Fortunately, for Bruno, Backlund and the fans, the Animal did not have much success against these two champions in their title clashes. "The Animal" challenged Bruno during both of his title reigns and also faced Bob Backlund in 1979 but on every occasion it was his wildness that proved to be his undoing.

In actuality this is George "the Animal" Steele's third invasion of the east coast. He has served under the management of the Grand Wizard, Captain Lou Albano and now Fred Blassie. But no matter who controls this wildman his tactics never change.

The most striking aspect of the George Steele look is his physical makeup. His bald head is in stark contrast to his hairy body. In fact there are very few people who possess as much body hair as the Animal and it is this look which sets him apart from many of his counterparts. Besides, whenever George Steele gets perturbed, his eyes point skyward and his tongue curls up. Do you know anyone else that has a green tongue? The man is simply unbelievable.

It must be noted that in Bruno Sammartino's last professional match his opponent was "the Animal," George Steele. Steele tried all his usual tricks to subdue the Living Legend, but in the end the great Sammartino went out in style in the Meadowlands Arena, with a sensational victory over the Animal. "That man is crazy," Bruno stated after his victory. "I've faced many strong men, many big men, many powerful men in my career but no other opponent I ever faced was as crazy as George Steele. Although there is no doubt that the man is crazy, he will surprise you every once in a while with a wrestling move or two. In my career I've had many brawls against the man and they all have been very tough bouts. Looking back I would have to rate George Steele right up there as one of my toughest opponents."

That's quite a compliment for "the Animal" and now two years later the Animal has returned east in hopes of gaining the coveted WWF title. Will the Animal be able to claw his way to the throne this time around? You would be surprised at the number of people hoping that this seemingly unlikely occurrence will happen. But you just never know. George "the Animal" Steele has accomplished a great deal in his career and "the Animal" might pull off the coup of the year and capture the WWF title.★

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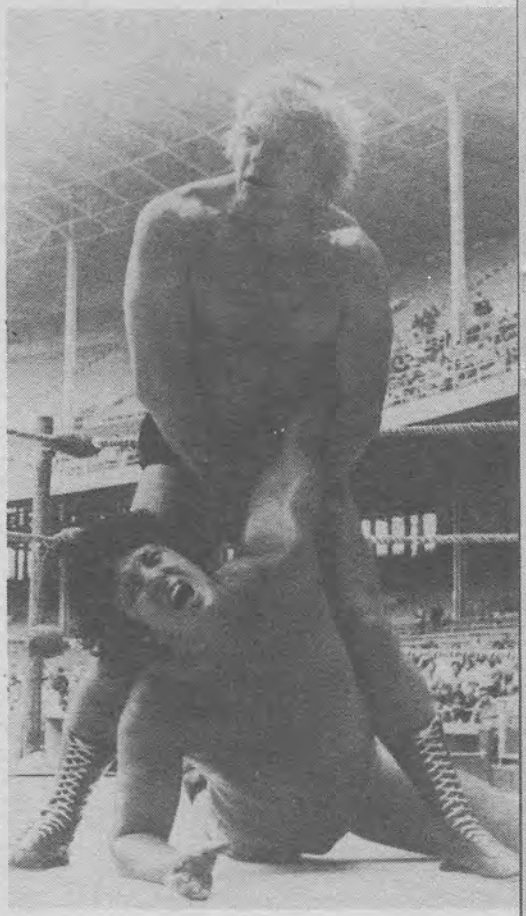
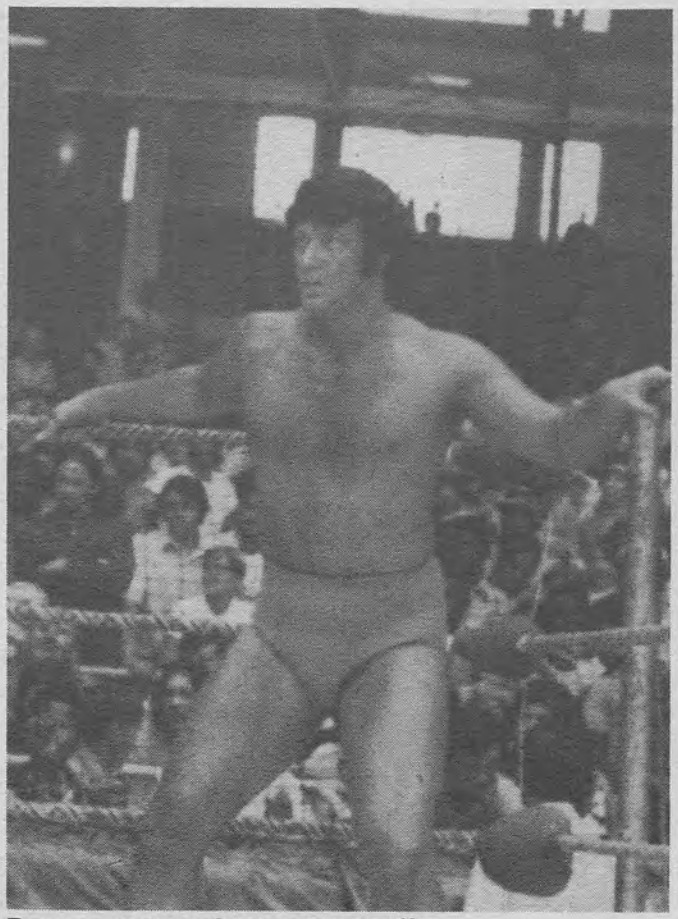


The winner: Johnny Powers.

In August 1972 Cleveland, Ohio was the setting for the greatest card of professional wrestling ever seen. The card was billed as "The Super Bowl of Wrestling" and over 20,000 enthusiastic fans came to the Municipal Coliseum in Cleveland to witness a fantastic night of action. Forty-four wrestlers in all competed on this fantastic card, which was highlighted by a match involving all time great Johnny Valentine and the former North American champion Johnny Powers.

Before the main event, the fans were treated to a truly unique afternoon of action. Three rings were set up on the field and simultaneous action occured. The first part of the card featured the Men's tag team tournament with a Midget tag team tournament, a Women's tag team tournament and the men and women's championship bouts following. The Men's tag team tournament was captured by Tony Marino and Tony Parisi. The Midget tag team tournament was won by Sky Low Low and Little Brutus. Susan Green and Lilly Thomas captured the women's tag team tournament.



Powers get ready to square off.

Johnny Valentine stands in center ring awaiting the start of action.

Johnny Valentine applies a side headlock on Johnny Powers.

Valentine and Powers get ready to square off.

In the championship encounters, Bobo Brazil retained his U.S. title with a victory over Killer Brooks. The Fargo Brothers, the NWF Tag Team champions, lost to Chief White Owl and Wahoo McDaniel by disqualification. The Fabulous Moolah defeated Vicki Williams to retain her Women's World championship. In a Women's World Tag Team match Donna Christanello and Toni Rose defeated Sandy Parker and Debbie Johnson. In a Brass Knuckles title bout 6'9" Ernie Ladd and Abdullah the Butcher were both disqualified for refusing to listen to the referee's instructions.

And in the feature bout on the four hour card, North American champion Johnny Powers defended his belt against the legendary Johnny Valentine. The match between these two sensational grapplers was a real thriller. Powers used everything at his disposal in an effort to put away Valentine and finally after 14 minutes of non-stop action with the large crowd cheering his every move, Johnny Powers pinned Valentine to retain his North American belt.

After seeing 44 wrestlers and sitting through four hours of action the fans in Cleveland, Ohio went home happy in knowing that they had witnessed the greatest card in the history of professional wrestling.★

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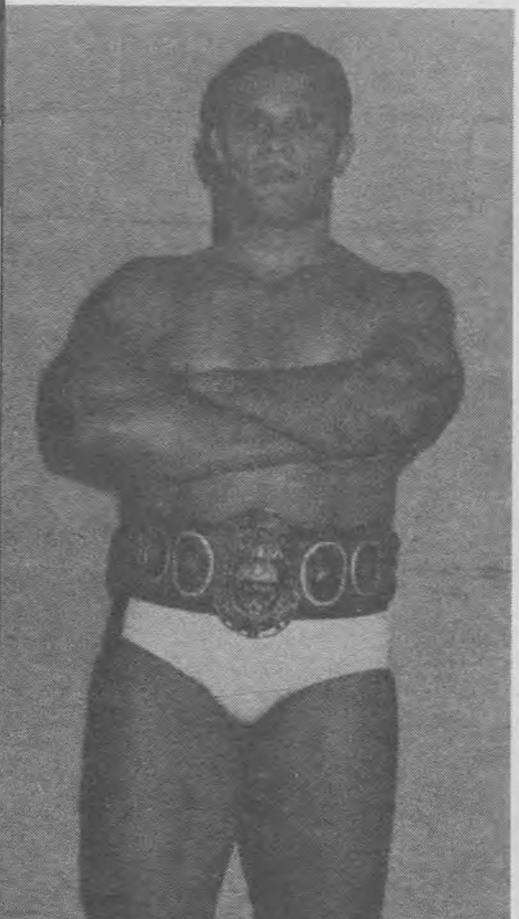
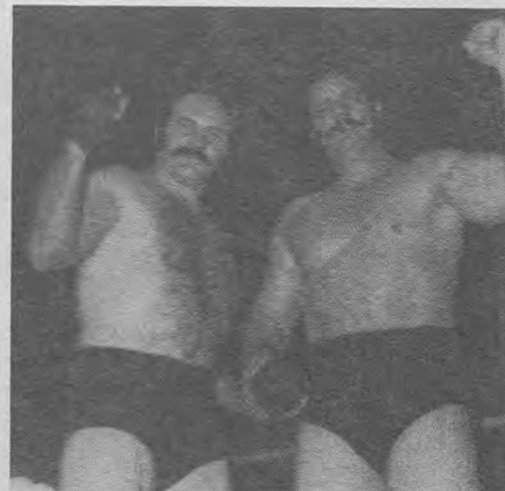


VICTOR RIVERA is now back on the east coast and wrestling for the newly formed World Wrestling League. As usual, Rivera is a real crowd pleaser.

THE SPOILER A serious injury knocked him out of action for a while, but the Spoiler is now fully recuperated and planning another assault on the wrestling scene.



THE BLACKJACKS: Lanza & Mulligan Everyone all over the world knows of the recent accomplishments of Black Jack Mulligan but very little is known of his former partner Black Jack Lanza. After a four year layoff, Lanza has returned to action and the cowboy looks real good. You should be reading quite a bit more about Lanza in the months ahead.

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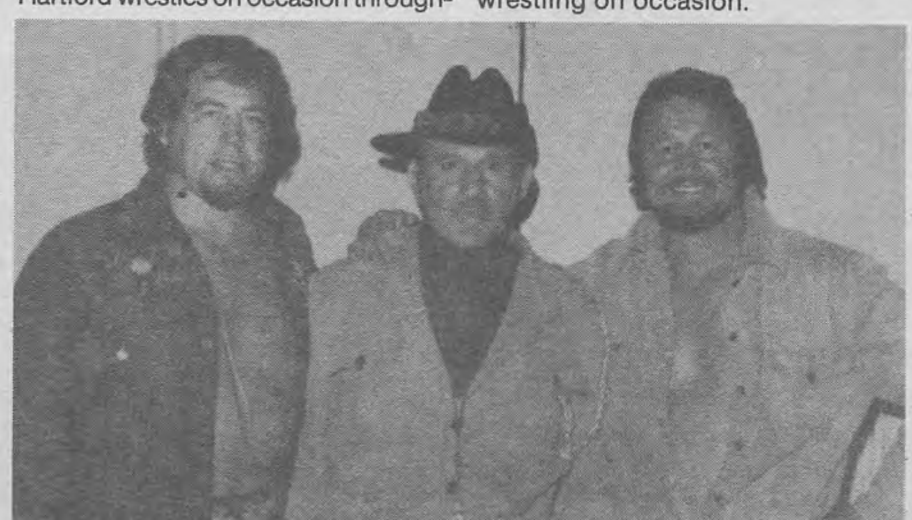
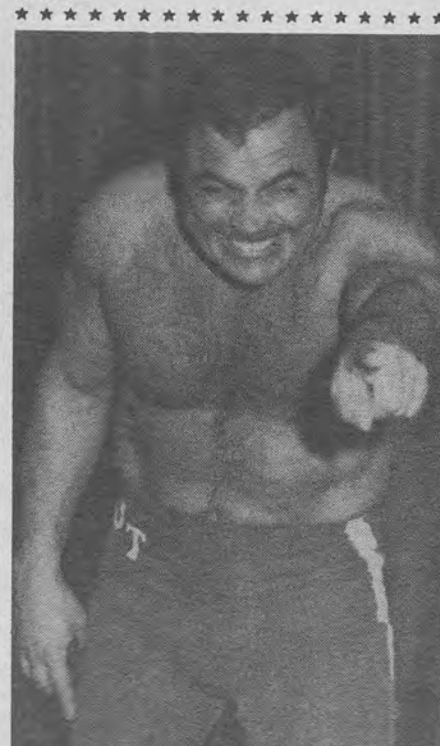
THE LOVE BROTHERS AND AL COSTELLO Hartford Love, Al Costello and Reginald Love formed quite an explosive combination in IWA rings in the middle '70s. Today Hartford wrestles on occasion throughout the Canadian provinces while his brother Reginald has retired from the mat wars. Their former manager Al Costello is still active on the wrestling scene managing as well as wrestling on occasion.





JOHN TOLOS, The Golden Greek, recently appeared in San Francisco, Las Vegas, and several other cards promoted by the AWA. He is still as deadly as ever.

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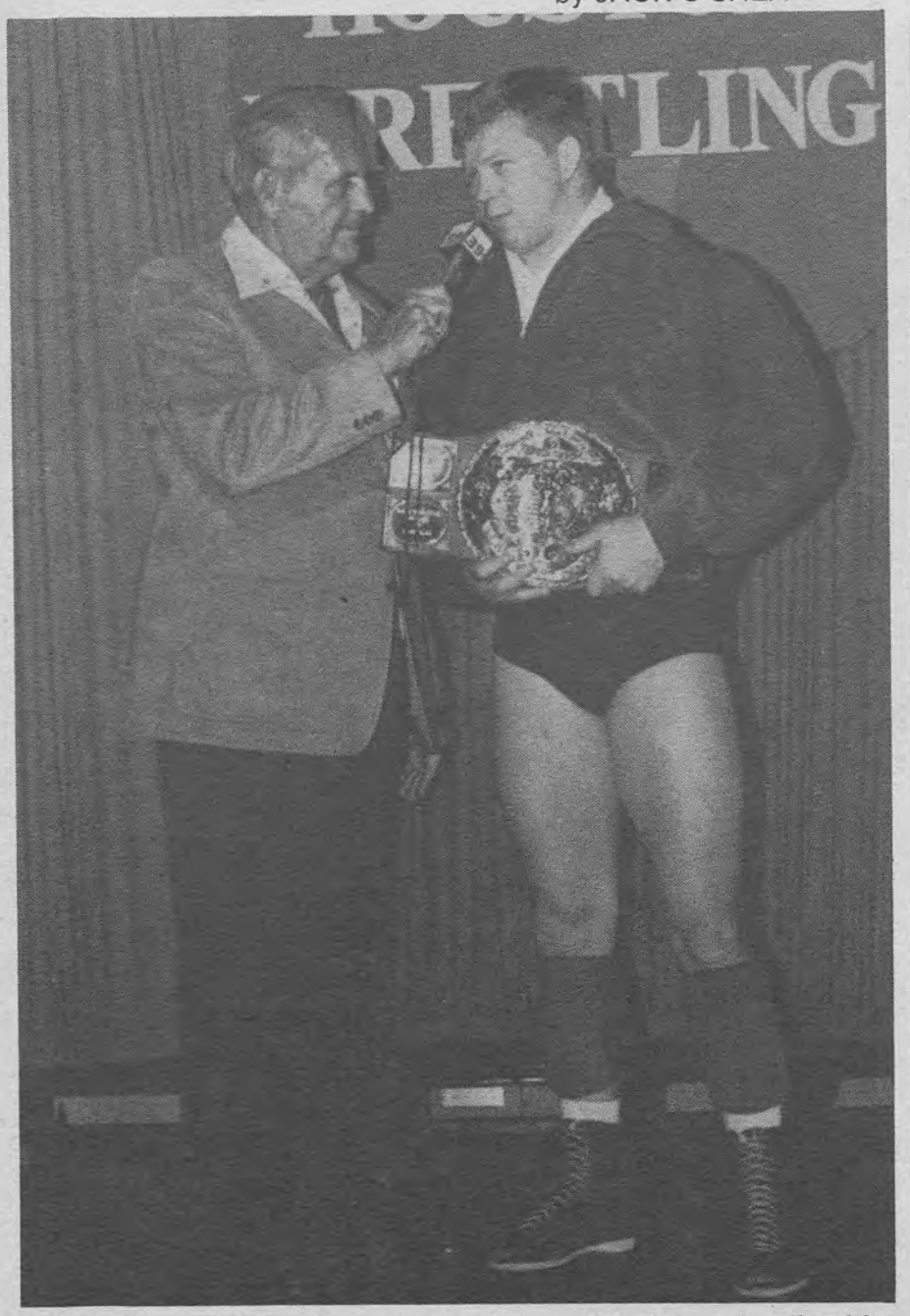
The 'Rasslin' Capital of the World!

by JACK O'SHEA



Bob Backlund is interviewed by Paul Boesch before defending his belt in Houston.

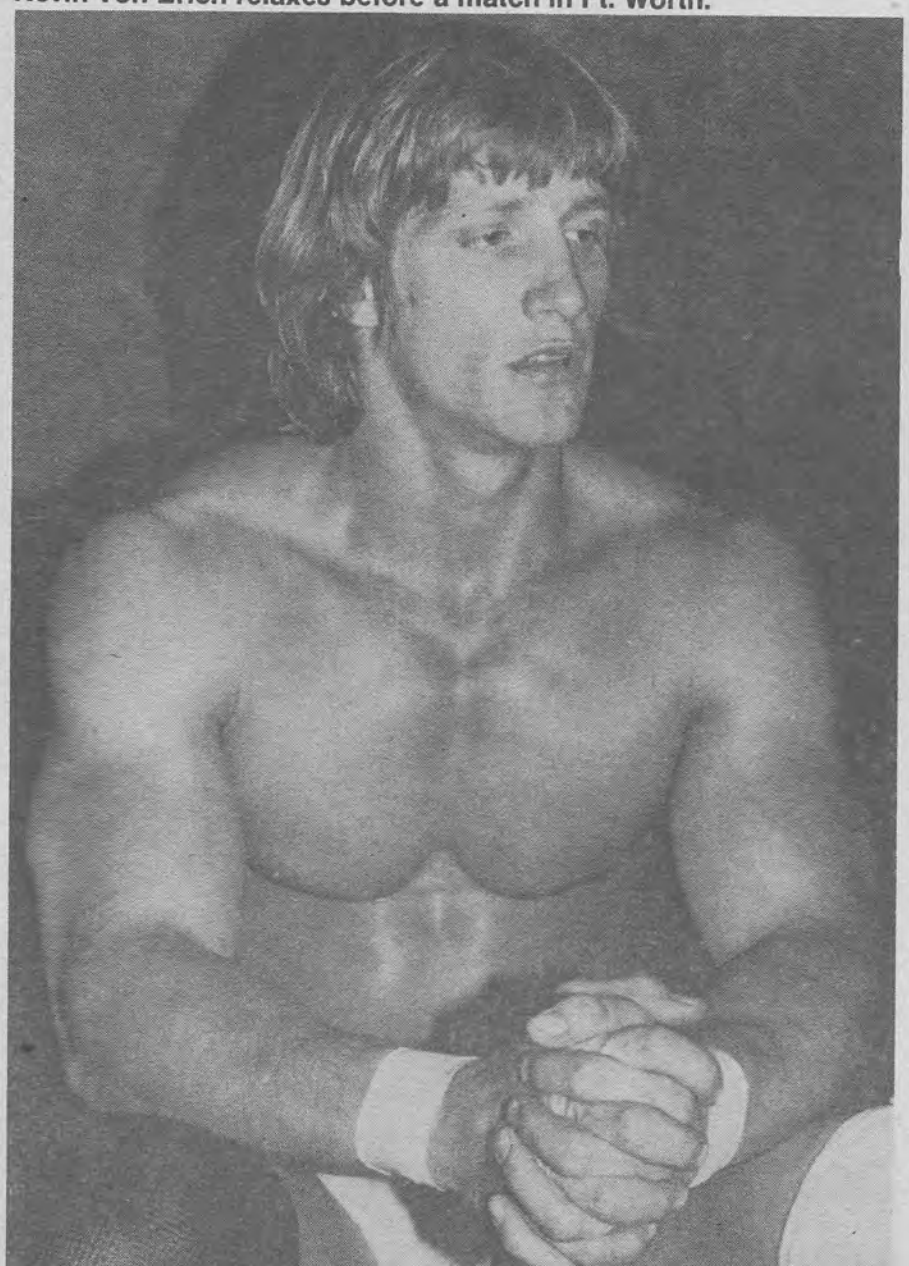
Freebird Michael Hayes talks to Bill Mercer.

For years Texas wrestling has always been considered the best in the world! The biggest stars in the sport always make it a point of traveling to Texas to show off their talents in front of some of the most knowledgeable sports fans in the world. In the last two months champions Bob Backlund, Nick Bockwinkel and Ric Flair have put their championships on the line in Texas rings proving that Texas is indeed the "Rasslin' Capital of the World."

Right now in the Lone Star State there are three different organizations promoting cards in Texas: World Class Wrestling, Southwest Championship Wrestling, and Mid-South Wrestling.

Bruiser Bob Sweetan is interviewed by Steve Stack on the USA Network.

Kevin Von Erich relaxes before a match in Ft. Worth.



Scott Casey is one of the most popular stars in the Southwest.

World Class Wrestling is based in Dallas-Ft. Worth and promotes matches on a regular basis in Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Wichita Falls. The current champions as recognized by World Class Wrestling include: David Von Erich, Texas Heavyweight champion; and the Freebirds, the six-man tag team champions. The wrestlers currently competing for World Class Wrestling include: the Von Erich's: David, Kerry, Kevin; the Freebirds, Jim Garvin, Chris Adams, Lord Alfred Hayes, Jose Lothario, King Kong Bundy, "the Iceman" King Parsons, Kamala, the Mongol, the Great Yatsu, Ron Starr and Armand Hussian.

The headquarters for Southwest Championship Wrestling are in San Antonio, Texas. The current champions recognized by Southwest include: Adrian Adonis, World's champion; Tully Blanchard, Southwest champion; The Sheepherders, the Southwest tag team champions. Southwest Championship Wrestling regularly promotes matches in San

King Kong Bundy tells the world about the merits of the "Rat Pack" as Ted DiBiase, Mr. Olympia and their leader "Boss Man" Scandor Akbar listens on.

Ric Flair is visibly upset as he talks to Bill Mercer after a title defense in Dallas. ▶

Gino Hernandez eyes his opponent.

Nick Bockwinkel talks to Paul Boesch before defending his belt in Houston.

Antonio, Galveston, Houston, Dallas and Ft. Worth. Currently appearing on the cards promoted by Southwest Championship Wrestling are: Scott Casey, Mondo Guerrero, Bruiser Bob Sweetan, Gino Hernandez, Bobby Jaggers, Terry Funk, Wahoo McDaniel, Eric Embry, Bob Orton and Sweet Brown Sugar as well as the champions previously mentioned.

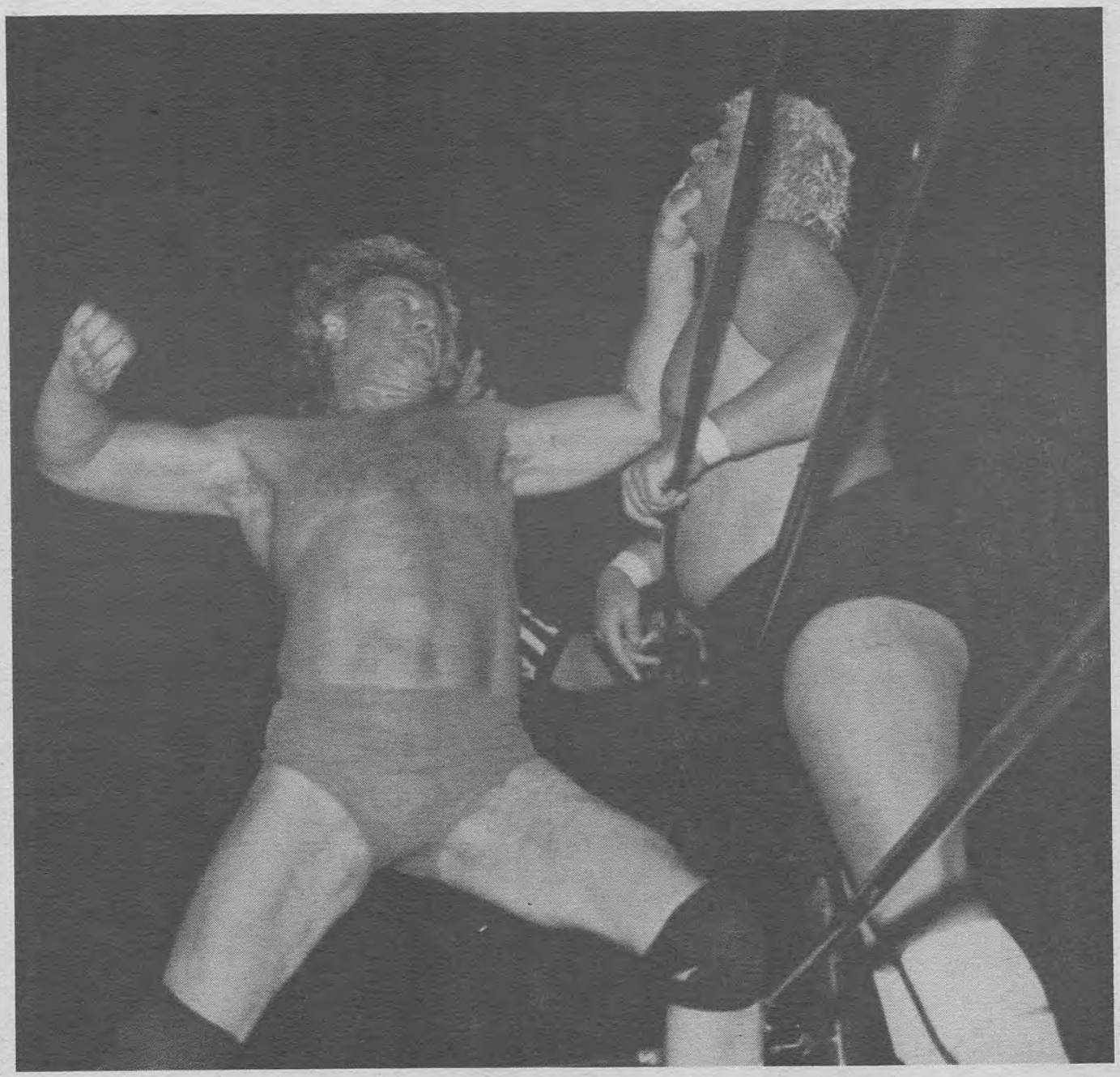
Mid-South promotes professional wrestling in Houston, Texas, besides its regular scheduled matches throughout Oklahoma and Louisiana. Ted DiBiase is the Mid-South champion while the tag belts are held by Ted DiBiase and Mr. Olympia. Currently wrestling under the Mid-South banner are the Junk Yard Dog, Mr. Wrestling II, "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan, the Black Ninja, Super Destroyer, the Masked Superstar, Hacksaw Butch Reed, El Gran Markus and Mil Mascaras. In addition, Nick Bockwinkel frequently defends his AWA title on the cards promoted by Paul Boesch in Houston, Texas.

Reading this list of stars that are currently appearing in Texas one would have to admit that there is no finer wrestling talent anywhere in the world! From the outstanding action to the top flight talent Texas definitely deserves to be called the "Rasslin' Capital of the World!"★

THE AMERICAN DREAM BATTLES NICK BOCKWINKEL FOR THE AWA TITLE!

Dusty Rhodes traveled to Houston, Texas to get his long-awaited opportunity against Nick Bockwinkel. But while there, somebody spoiled his dream!

By GREGORY JOSEPH



Bockwinkel has the Dream trapped in the ropes and slugs away.

Bockwinkel leaps off the ropes onto the fallen Dream.

"The American Dream", Dusty Rhodes, continually travels around the wrestling world in hopes of someday winning the ultimate prize in the profession, the World's championship. In any given week the Dream can be found competing in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, the Carolinas, New York, Japan or the Caribbean. Next to Andre the Giant no one has a busier schedule than the popular Rhodes. This desire to be recognized as the best in his profession drives Dusty to travel all over the country in pursuit of titles and world wide recognition.

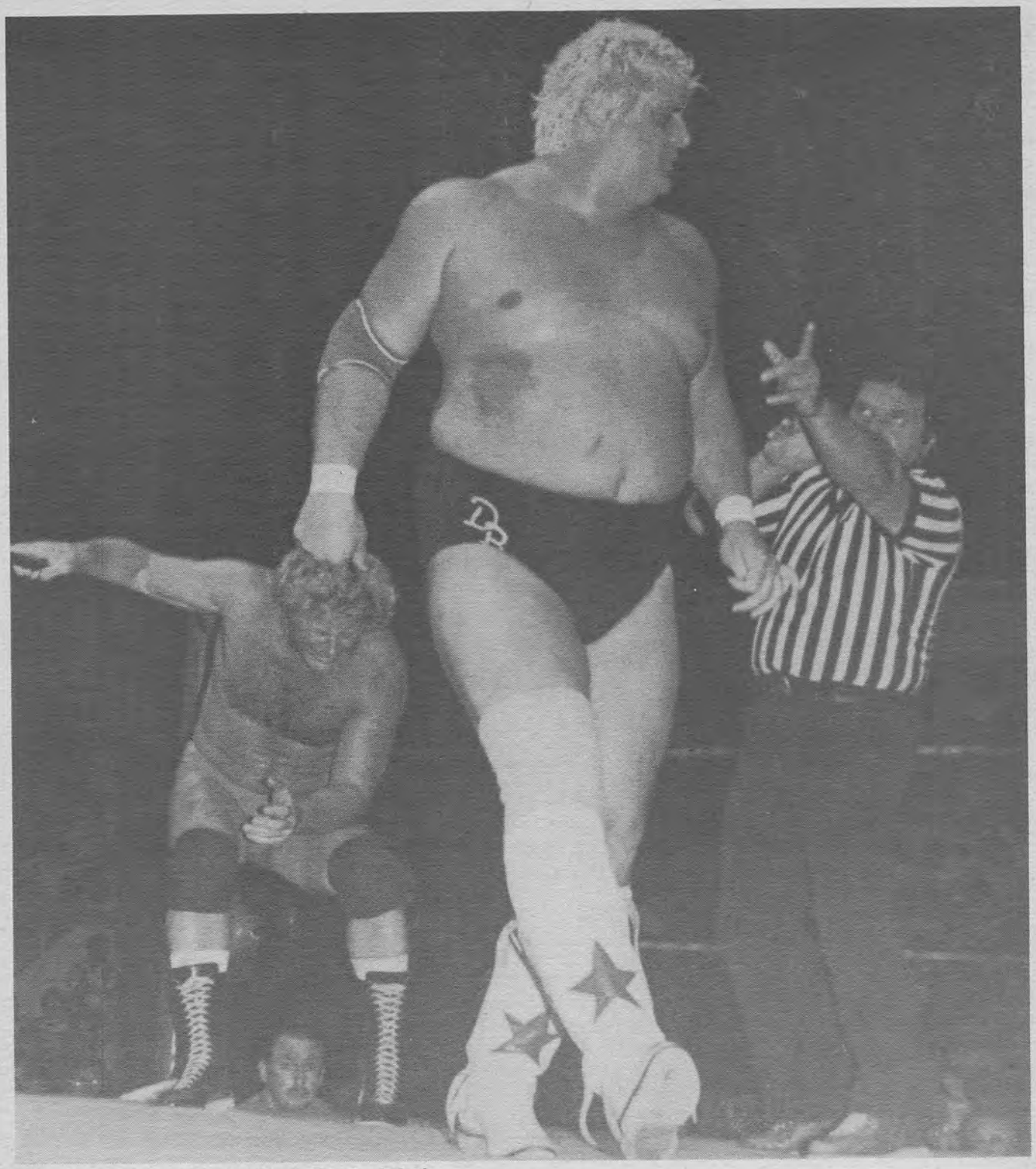
In pursuit of his ultimate "dream," Dusty Rhodes found himself signed to face the current AWA Heavyweight champion, Nick Bockwinkel, in a championship encounter in Houston, Texas. Prior to the battle Dusty had left specific instructions with promoter Paul Boesch and his assistant Peter Berkholz to keep him in mind, if ever Nick Bockwinkel decided to pass through the Lone Star State. After months of negotiations, Boesch finally secured Nick Bockwinkel's name on a contract, and with contract in hand Boesch contacted Dusty about the opportunity to face Nick Bockwinkel in a championship encounter. To say that Dusty was enthusiastic would be an understatement!

The Dream immediately agreed to meet Bockwinkel and even flew to Houston on the first available flight to put his name on the contract. "What a coup!", Dusty stated at the signing. "I knew that if anyone could get me a match against Nick Bockwinkel it would have to be my good friend Paul Boesch. Right now I just can't wait to get Bockwinkel in the ring right there in my adopted home!"

Dusty grew up in nearby Austin, Texas and often flies home to visit friends and family. Being able to secure a match against AWA Kingpin Bockwinkel in his "hometown" was something Dusty had wanted for a long time. "A long time ago I wrestled in the AWA," Dusty recalled, "But lately I've spent most of my time in NWA cities. Hey, me and Dickie Murdock tore up that midwest when the Texas Outlaws ruled the roost. We even were featured in the movie *The Wrestler* when we wrestled in Minnesota. I've always wanted to get back there and challenge for the belt, but I've just been too darn busy wrestling everywhere else to really spend time fishing in the 1,000 Lakes. Now I've just got to thank my good friend Mr. Paul Boesch for helping me get the match for the AWA title. Two times I've been NWA World's champion and now it just might be my turn to be AWA champion."

The Houston Coliseum was packed with everyone hoping to see Dusty become the new AWA title holder. Everyone, that is except champion Nick Bockwinkel. "I will not take anything away from Dusty Rhodes. The man is good. He has proven this all over the world. Dusty Rhodes has defeated all of the top men in this profession and has also held the NWA title on two occasions but he will not get by me," Bockwinkel stated. "This title is my life. I travel around the country in defense of my belt and no one is going to take this title from me. I'm sorry for all the Dusty Rhodes fans out there, but tonight their boy won't do it. When this match is over I assure you that I will still have the AWA Heavyweight belt in my possession."

The look of determination on Dusty's face as he made his way to the ring led one to believe that this



The dream turns his back on Bockwinkel.

just may be his night. But Bockwinkel was equally as confident as he strolled to the ring slowly taking in the sights and the sounds of the huge crowd. To add to the confusion Ted DiBiase with a cast on his hand positioned himself on the outside of the ring in an attempt to scout both champion and challenger. After the opening instructions were given, both men wearily moved out in an attempt to size up the other. Dusty was the first to counter with a trip up and take down. As Dusty applied the pressure, the champ squirmed in pain. Finally Bockwinkel managed to kick Dusty off with the Dream sailing into the ropes. Nick then countered with a reverse arm lock, but the Dream quickly escaped. Dusty once again found himself on top of the champion with Bockwinkel squirming to break free. Dusty applied pressure to the arm and shoulder muscles of the champ but as he did he motioned to DiBiase. The wild man quickly answered Dusty and the moment Dusty took his mind off of his opponent the champ quickly reversed the hold. Dusty's mental lapse had enabled Bockwinkel to counter his move and from that moment on, it was obvious that Dusty had more than Bockwinkel on his mind. In a few moments Dusty managed to move to the ropes where the referee called for a break. As both men got to their feet a test of strength ensued with Dusty apparent-

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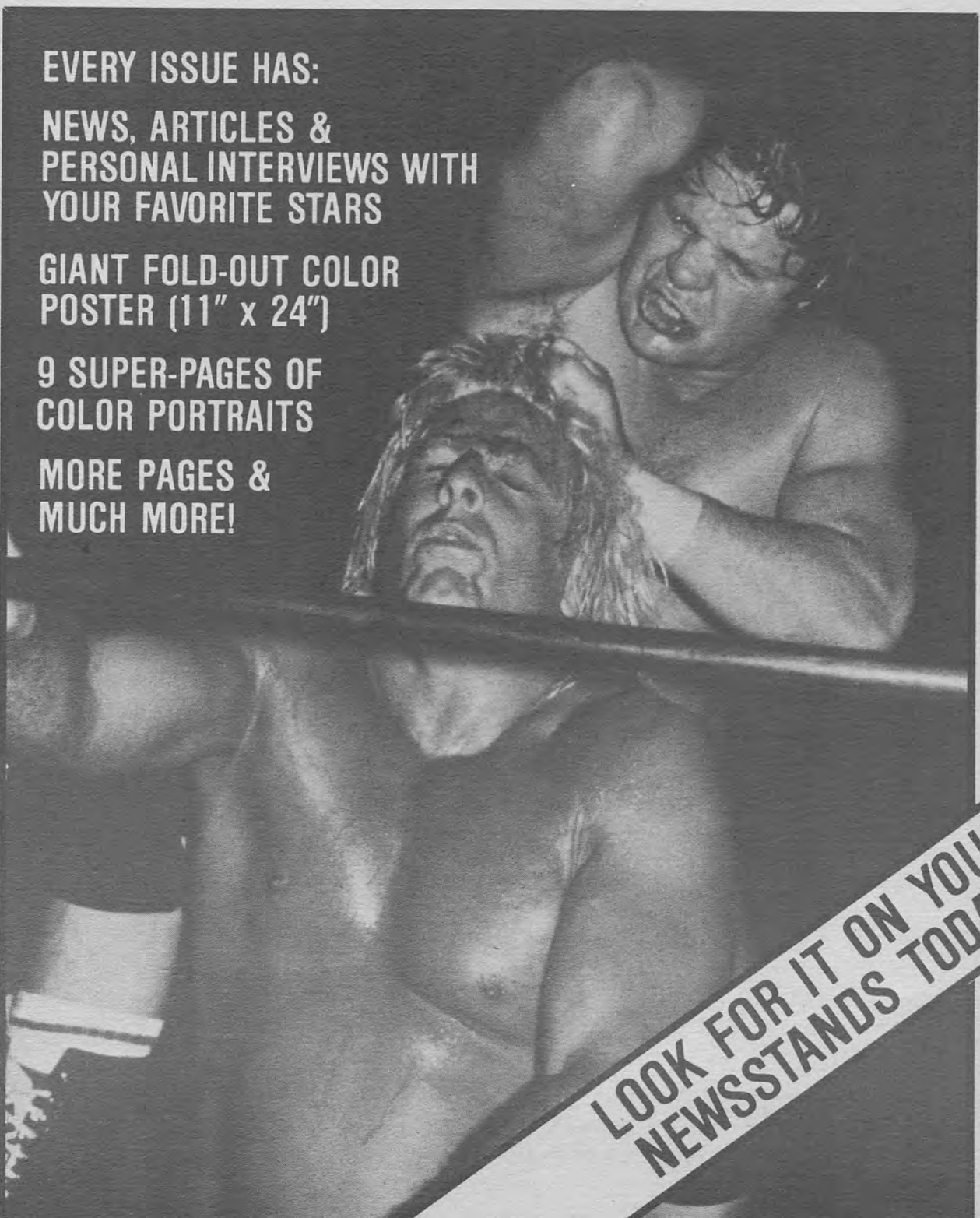

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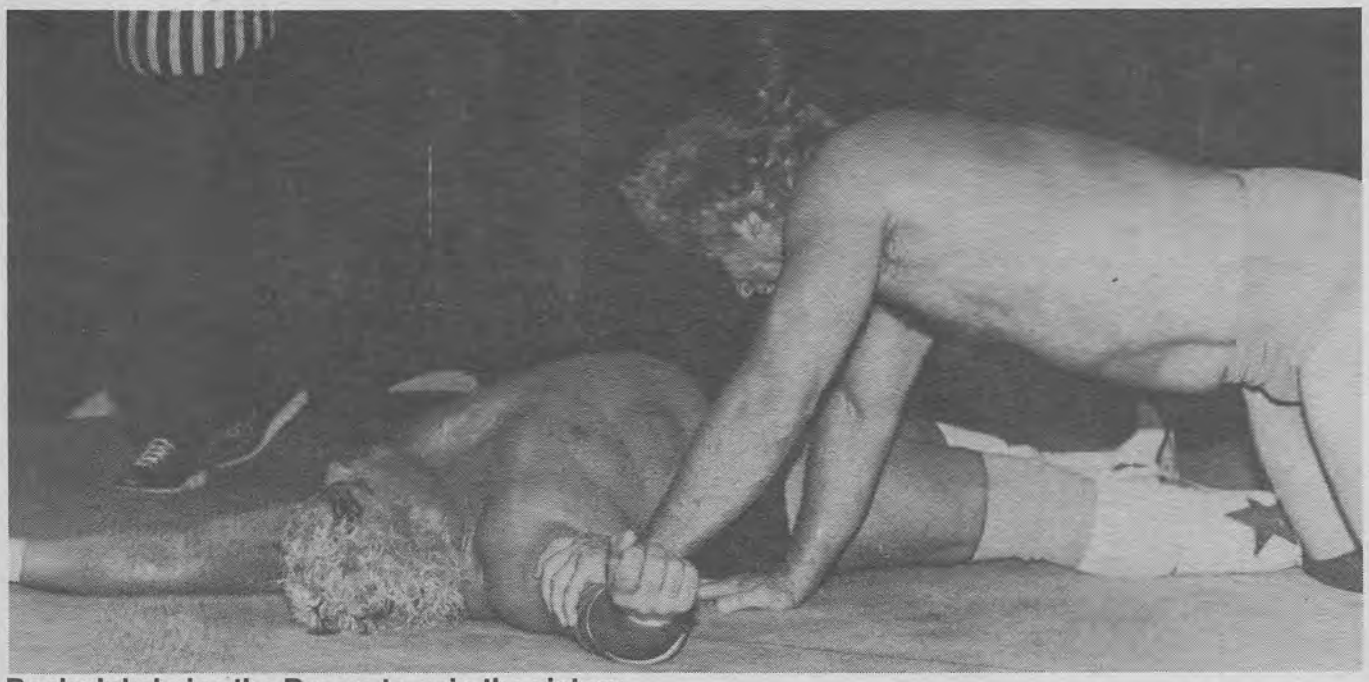
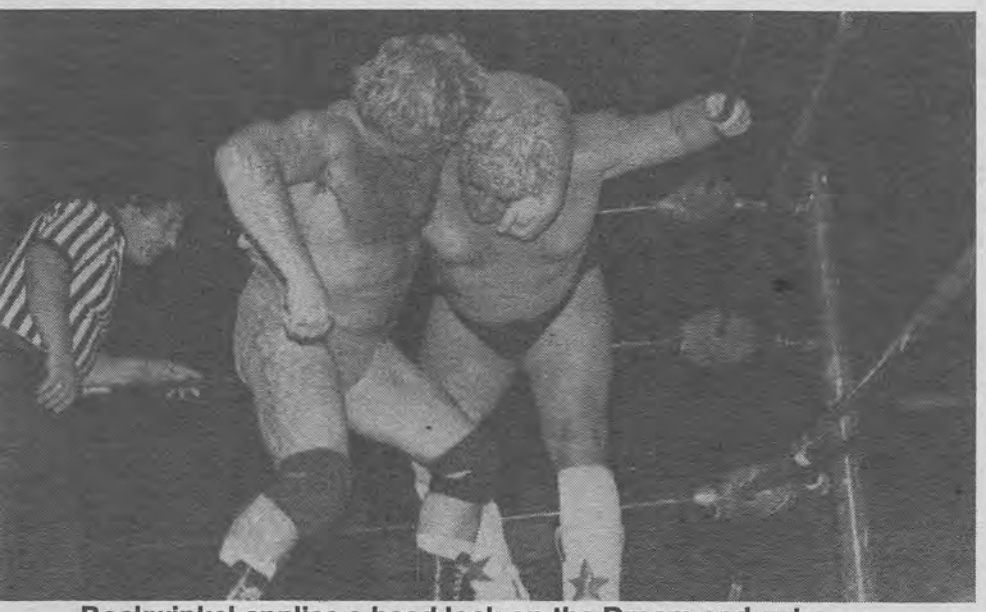


Bockwinkel pins the Dream to gain the victory.



Bockwinkel applies a head lock on the Dream and gets ready to slug away.

Dusty is a bloody mess after his attack by Ted DiBiase.

ly getting over on Bockwinkel. But as soon as Dusty caught sight of Ted DiBiase getting out of his chair, the champion had Dusty down on his knees. The match continued to see-saw back and forth with first Dusty and then Bockwinkel in control, but it was obvious that the Dream lacked that magic spark needed to win the title. Soon both men came charging directly at each other from the opposite sides of the ring. The collision in center ring knocked not only Nick Bockwinkel and Dusty Rhodes to the mat, but also the referee. Seeing this, Ted DiBiase wasted no time in running into the ring to clobber Dusty with his cast. Once, twice, three times DiBiase pounded the Dream over the skull. As DiBiase ran out of the ring he picked up Nick Bockwinkel and put him on top of Rhodes. By now the referee had revived and seeing the champ on top of Dusty began to count. At the count of three the bell tolled putting an end to whatever dream Dusty had of winning the AWA title. Once Dusty realized what had happened he was like an uncaged lion. He ran out of the ring in an attempt to capture DiBiase, but by the time Dusty jumped out of the ring Ted DiBiase was long gone!

Dusty Rhodes had his chance at the title but his dream once again was just not to be. Unfortunately this has been happening to Dusty quite a bit lately. Will Dusty suddenly wake up one day and discover that he is the real champion of the world? Well, we all could dream!★

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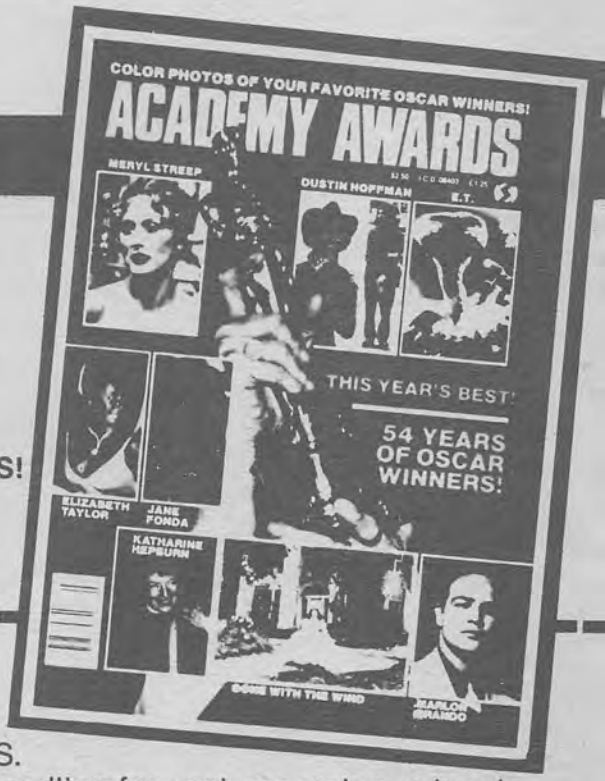

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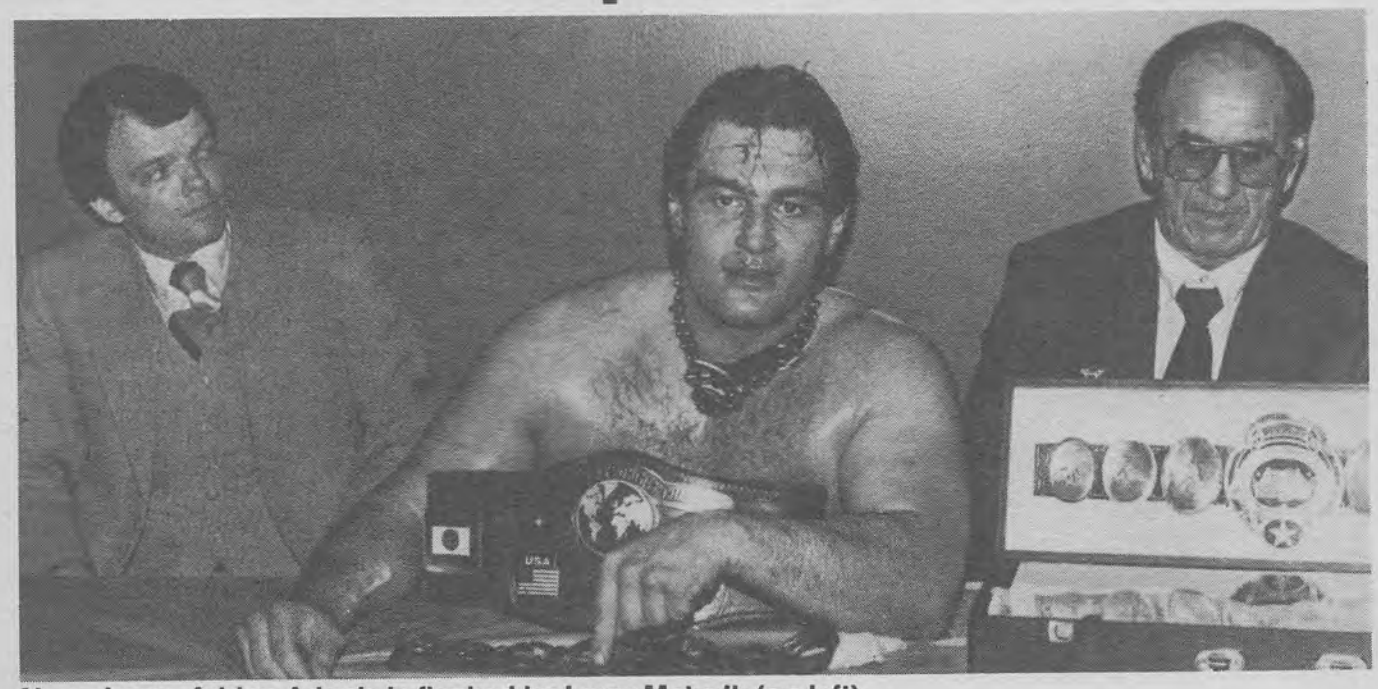


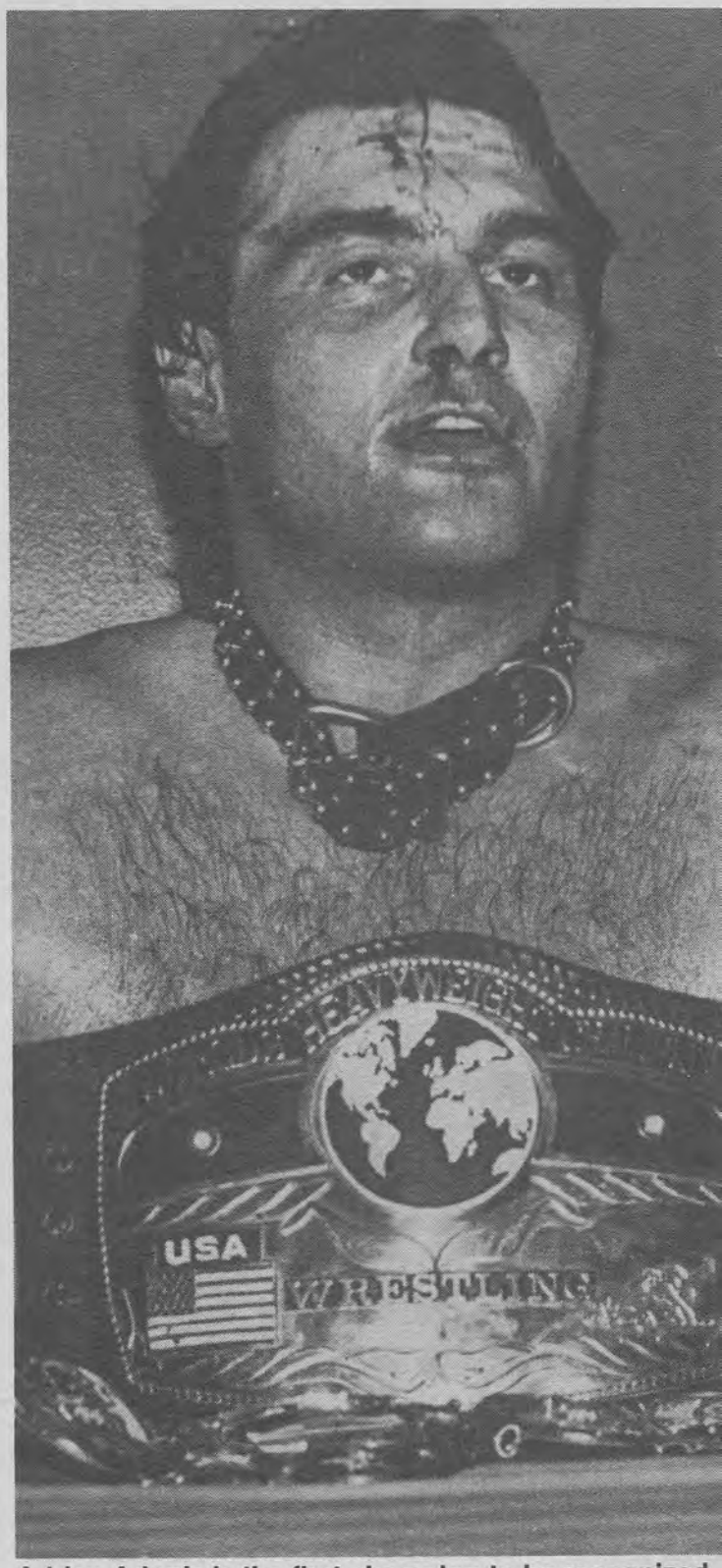
New champ Adrian Adonis is flanked by Larry Matysik (on left) and 6-time champion Lou Thesz (on right).

Harley Race has regained the NWA World title for a 7th time.

Sometimes months, and in some instances even years, go by before a major title change occurs on the wrestling scene. But since our last issue many major developments have occurred. The biggest news of the month centers around Harley Race. On June 10, 1983, Harley Race made wrestling history by capturing the prestigious NWA World's Heavyweight championship for a seventh time! No one ever expected Ric Flair to lose the NWA title, but the inevitable came in St. Louis against a very determined Harley Race. Race has often stated that he wanted to win the World's belt for a seventh time (see Wrestling Scene, December 1982), but the longer Flair held the title, the more it seemed that he would never lose his grasp on the throne. But every man must have his day and in St. Louis at the hands of Harley Race, Ric Flair met his Waterloo. By this victory, Harley Race has finally established himself as the greatest wrestler of all time. Prior to this victory, Harley Race was tied with Lou Thesz for holding the NWA World's title on six different occasions, but Race now stands alone in the record books.

Hulk Hogan admires the IWGP Championship trophy. As championship organizer, Mr. Hasashi Shinma stands by.

Mr. Hisashi Shinma proudly holds the tournament trophy.



Adrian Adonis is the first champion to be recognized by Southwest Wrestling.

Since our last issue, two new titles were also established. The first was the International Wrestling Grand Prix (IWGP) championship and the second was the World's title as sponsored by the USA Network. In the IWGP championship after two years of matches the Incredible Hulk Hogan defeated Antonio Inoki in 21:27 with his ax bomber .

In the tournament sponsored by the USA Network in conjunction with Southwest Championship Wrestling, the winner was Adrian Adonis. To capture the title, Adonis defeated Bob Orton in the finals. To gain entry into the finals, Adonis defeated Bruiser Bob Sweetan and Wahoo McDaniel in the preliminary rounds. There has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding this tournament but the title will be recognized worldwide owing to the fact that every major title holder was sent a telegram inviting them to participate. It is going to be interesting to see what develops with this new title.

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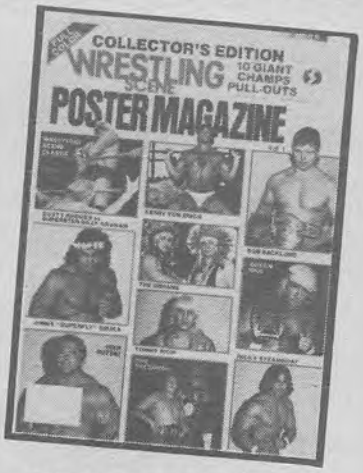

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Professor Toru Tanaka is now wrestling on the East Coast for the World Wrestling League.

Welcome to another edition of WRESTLING SCENE! Once again the action throughout the world has been phenomenal. In recent weeks several new men have moved into the top positions on the wrestling scene. The biggest news is that *Harley Race*, six-time former World's champion, is once again the champion of the world. Race defeated Ric Flair on June 10, in St. Louis, Missouri to win the coveted award. Race's victory matches the mark established by Lou Thesz for winning the NWA World's title on seven different occasions. No one really ever expected Harley Race to pull off this seemingly impossible victory but the talented Race proved that he has the stuff of which great wrestlers are made by gaining the throne once again. . . .Another new champion is *Hulk Hogan*. The Hulk captured the prestigious IWGP tournament in Tokyo, Japan and to win the title Hogan had to wrestle all over the world. . . .The third new title holder is *Adrian Adonis*. Adonis won a tournament sponsored by Southwest Championship Wrestling to crown the "real" World's champion but none of the other recognized champions were in the tournament, although they were invited to participate. Adonis' victory now moves him into the same class as *Bob Backlund*, *Nick Bockwinkel* and *Carlos Colon*, three other recognized regional champions from the WWF, AWA and WWC respectively. . . .*Barry Windham* continues to pile up impressive victories all over the Sunshine State. The man is truly amazing. . . .*Cowboy Ron Bass* has been having a very good run in Florida. Bass holds the Southern title, having defeated *Frank Dusek* for the honor and now as champion Bass has put his title on the line against all of the top men in the Sunshine State. . . .*"The Freight Train" Rufus R. Jones* is now appearing in the Mid-Atlantic area. Also in the Mid-Atlantic area, another Jones, *Paul Jones* has been managing. At the present time Jones has *Jake Roberts* under his astute guidance. . . .*The Magic Dragon* and *the Great Kabuki*, managed by the H&H conglomerate, *Gary Hart* and *Sir Oliver*

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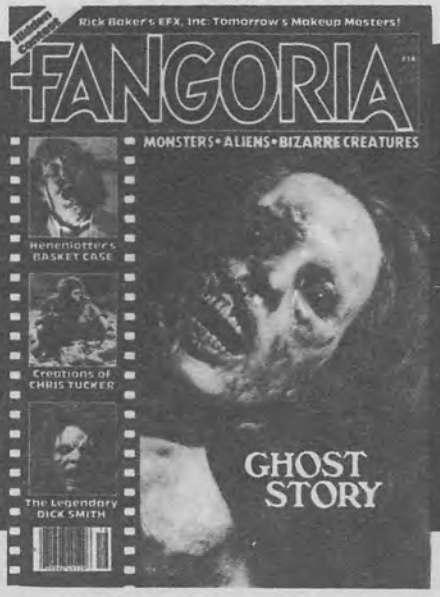

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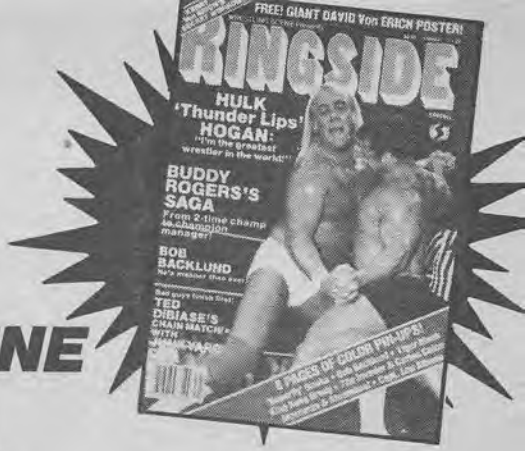

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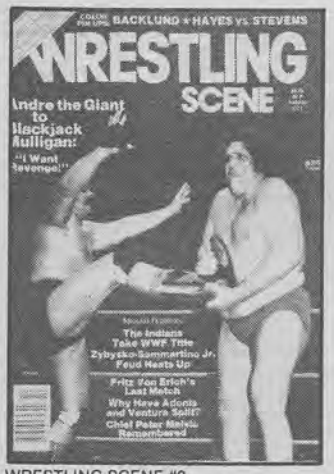

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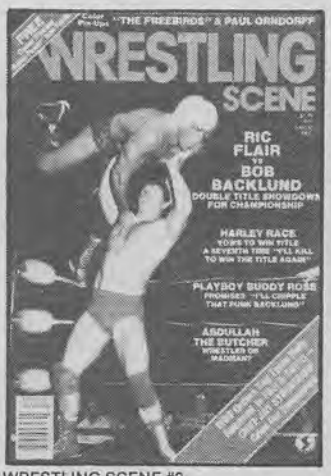

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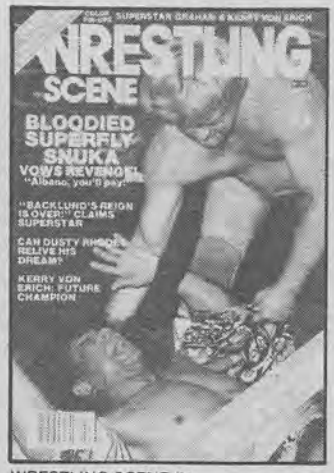

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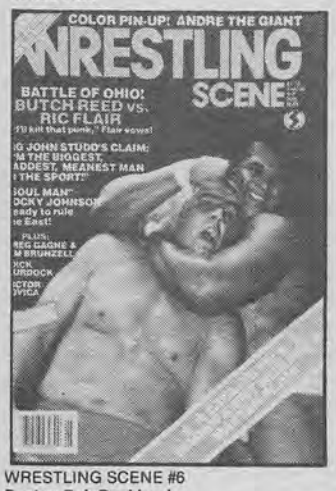

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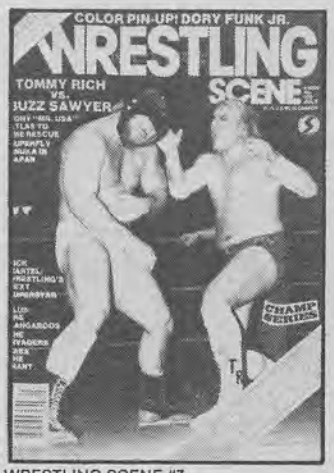

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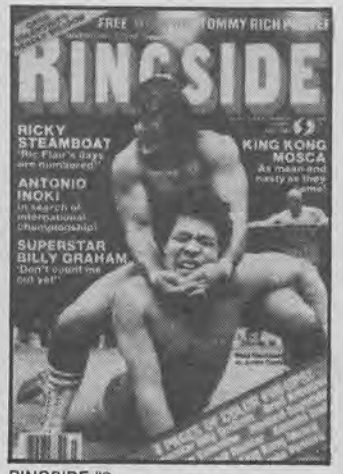

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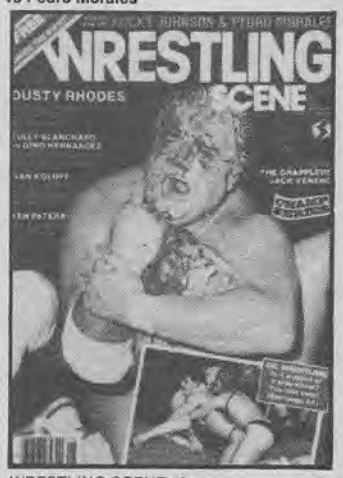

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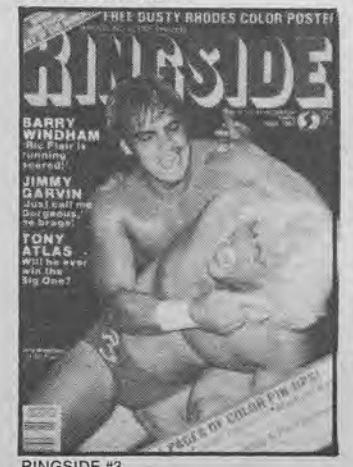

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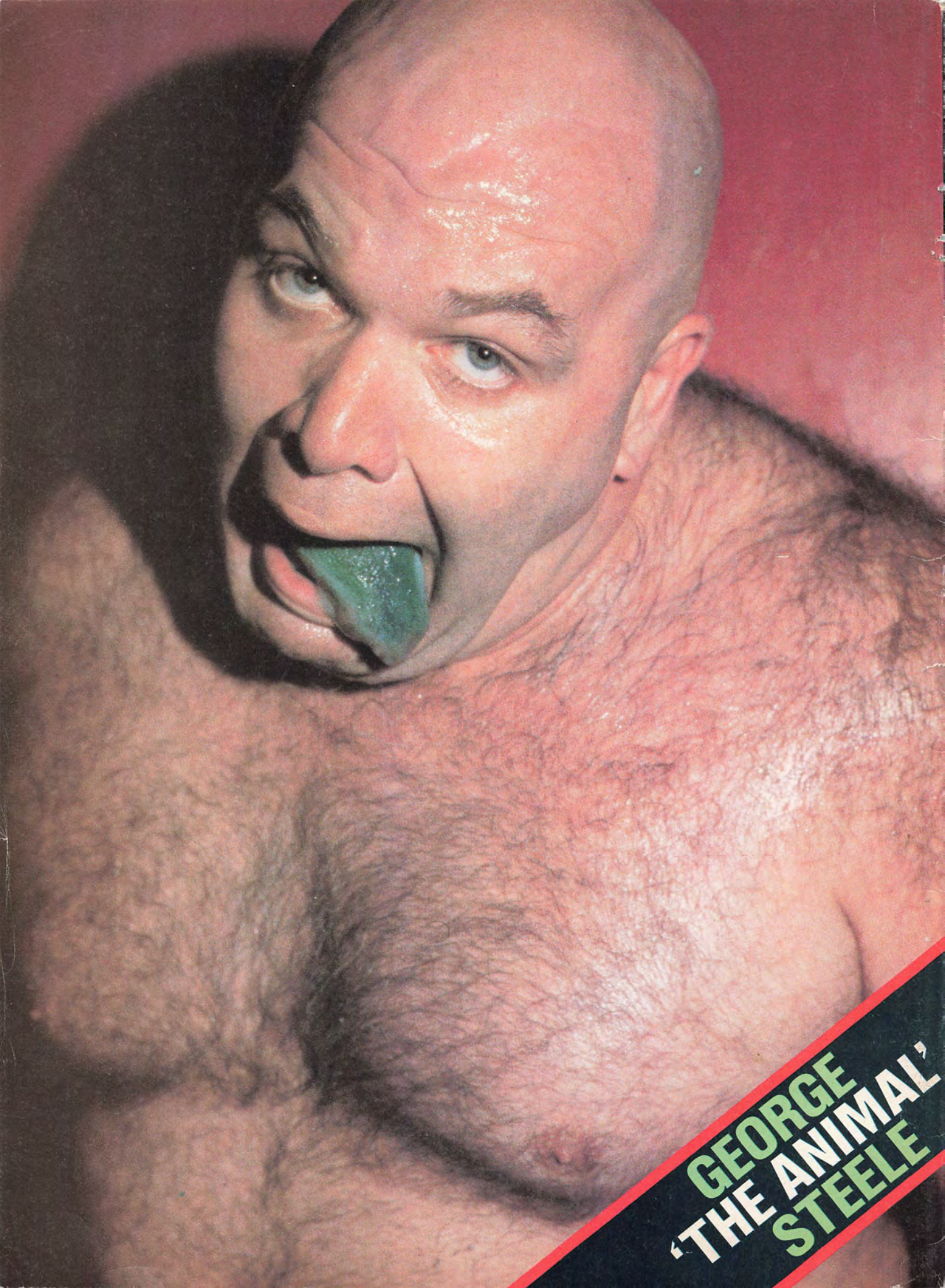
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